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More on boycotts

Dear Editor,

I was looking through a recent issue and came across the "Boycott" column; good idea! I think this is a great idea on your behalf. It's great to know that these businesses do not support the gay community, because many of us will choose to spend our money elsewhere.

As a side note, several months back I wrote Raley's main office and brought up the question, "Why don't you carry gay oriented magazines in your store?" Magazines like The Advocate, Genre and Urban Fitness are clean, gay leaning magazines, no different from Good Housekeeping for moms, or Ebony for African Americans. I haven't heard a thing back from them.

Anyway, I think your readers should also note the businesses whom are supportive of gay rights and take their money and support them. KTXL-Fox 40 News aired an in depth story on gay teens (11-28-94) and it seemed a very pro-gay report and it showed how hard it is growing up a gay teen. The story was preceded by an update on the gays in the military debate.

I feel Channel 40 did an excellent job in reporting and readers should urge other TV stations to do similar stories. We should also stress upon grocery stores who carry magazines to carry gay ones too.

Sincerely,
Michael Grasso

Church holds toy drive

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to let our community know about some exciting news happening at the corner of 21st and J streets!

We are First United Methodist Church, and not only do we have room inside our doors for you- but within our outreach programs as well. Currently underway is a toy drive to benefit HIV+ children (by the way, new and unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the church office from now until December 18th).

As a church, we realize we are in a unique position. Not only do we offer physical, spiritual, and emotional support, we also teach, guide, and learn from each other. We cannot do this alone- we need the help of our neighborhood. The valuable experience and strength of our community to Join our hands for positive change.

Please try us and let us know what you think. We welcome any and all questions/suggestions anyone may have. What are you looking for in today's church? How can we be of greater service to the midtown community?

As United Methodists, we believe the purpose Christ left for His church is to welcome all people, whether white, black, straight, or gay/lesbian. We are proud of our Methodist heritage as an 'open table' church- where all are welcome to come and join with us in worshipping and celebrating God and the life He has given each of us to live.

Paul Mallatt
Outreach Volunteer Coord.
First United Methodist
2100 J Street
446-5025

Thank you Tony Miller

Dear Editor,

Having spent the last six months as a volunteer in the Tony Miller for Secretary of State campaign office, I feel qualified to alert our community to the remarkable candidacy of Tony and his campaign staff.

Never did they resort to the negativism so characteristic of candidates for other offices. Tony was determined, and succeeded, to maintain the integrity he has exhibited throughout his professional career and private life.

Even though he was trapped by an anti-incumbent, anti-Democratic tide and was defeated by the author of the grossly popular "Three Strikes" law, Tony garnered more votes than any openly gay candidate in the history of state and federal elections, losing by less than one percent of total votes cast.

Certainly, Tony, with his partner Peter, are to be admired not only by us the gay community but by all people who pursue what is just in our society. Please join me in wishing Tony and peter good fortune in their years ahead.

Sincerely,
Bob Rowe

BOYCOTT

These businesses do not support you, so you might choose not to support them!!!

Raley's:
President Charles L. Collins is on the Board of the Family Research Institute (Paul Camerons' scientists group) with Lou Sheldon's Traditional Family Values. During Sacramento County hearings several years ago regarding AIDS, they testified against having gays work for them.

Burger King:
National owner has donated large sums to anti-gay and fundamentalist far right religious zealots. Local owner Joe Lal destroyed Sac. News & Review's papers and newstands in 1994 because of Gay & Lesbian personal ads.

Carl's Jr.:
Owner Karl Karcher has donated large sums to anti-gay causes.

Curran, Hitomi Marketing Agency:
Owner Marilyn Curran wrote to MGW and demanded to be taken off the PR mailing list. MGW routinely mails copies of the newspaper to all ad agencies.

Calvary Christian Center:
Rev. Phillip G. Gondeaux is active in hate with Rev. Lou Sheldon.

Lithographics:
16th & J St. Owner refused to work with Joan Greenfields' First Blush Lesbian Greeting Cards.

Capitol Christian Center:
Rev. Glen Cole stands in the ranks with Lou Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition.

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Miller named as chief deputy to controller

Tony Miller, the acting Secretary of State who lost a bid last month to take over the position will become chief deputy to the new state controller, Kathleen Connell. Miller, who has been running the secretary of state's office since the resignation of March Fong Eu, lost to Republican Bill Jones in November. Democrat Connell defeated Republican Tom McClintock for state controller.

The Sacramento Bee▼

Do youths lack role models?

By Bob Rowe
Guest Commentary

When I was a "teenager" in the late 1930's and early 1940's, the only people considered to be homo sexual were "social outcasts" including transvestites, "butch" women, effeminate men, pedophiles and a few historical figures such as Oscar Wilde, known as the "queer jail bird" as he was known for his magnificent poetry and prose.

We know now that those loosely defined, often unjustly maligned stereotypes, comprise only a small segment of the community known to be homosexual. We also realize that pedophilia is a psychological problem no more correctly attributed to homosexuality than to heterosexuality. At last, all types of homosexual stereotyping are being challenged.

During childhood, my contemporaries and I had no mainstream homosexual role models considered worthy of being emulated. Though it may be a painfully slow process, that deficit is being corrected. Admirable doctors, lawyers, clerks, laborers, educators, clerics, actors public officials, merchants, athletes, military personnel, have evolved from the closet. They are featured in news articles, appear on talk shows, participate in protests, and run for public office; thus shedding all aspects of guilt and fear imposed upon them in the past. They are demonstrating that homosexuals have contributed and will continue to contribute as much, if not more proportionately, that is constructive in our society than is contributed by non gays.

Of course, emergence from closets occurs primarily in metropolitan areas. Homosexual youths raised in sparsely populated areas still find few places to turn, practically no one with whom they can confer concerning their inner most, often castigated, feelings. They have little opportunity to realize they are not alone. As dramatically demonstrated by hundreds of thousands of people who participated in the 1993 March on Washington and in the 1994 Gay Games in New York, respectable people who happen to be homosexual exist in every community, rural area, church, synagog, temple, occupational category, athletic endeavor and school campus imaginable.

Now it is incumbent upon each of us, whether homosexual or heterosexual, to provide refuge and enlightenment for tortured homosexual youth wherever they may live or to whatever constructive role in society they may aspire. Certainly opening closet doors, providing information to youths in elementary and secondary schools and extending equal rights will establish a more realistic and supportive environment for gays. Vital also is the effect enlightenment will have on the majority of non gay youths and adults who become instilled with the bigotry which causes them to reject and/or mindlessly harass their gay brothers, sisters, sons and daughters. The closet door is being opened. Let enlightenment shine in ...and out.▼

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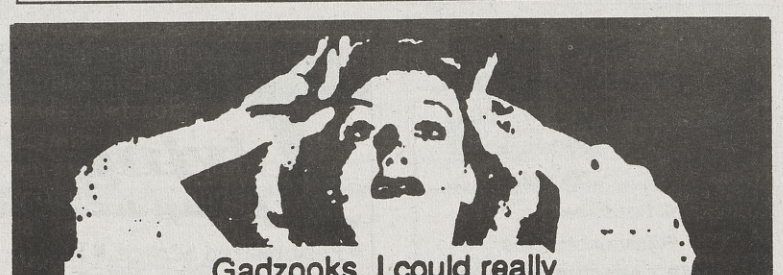
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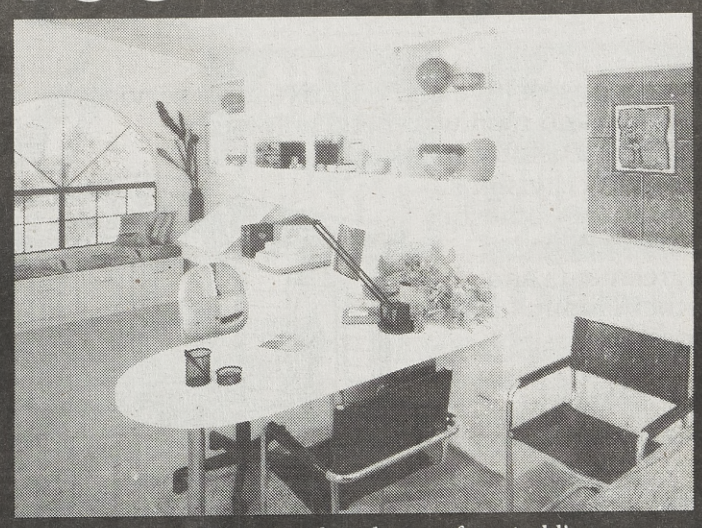
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The board of inquiry meeting at Treasure Island Naval Station unanimously found that although Dunning had made the statement that she is gay she also had proved she would not engage in homosexual acts.

"This says you can make the statement that you are gay and stand a chance of staying in the service," said Dunning.

The board's recommendations will now go to the naval authorities and eventually to the Secretary of the Navy.

Dunning's lawyer Greg Bonfiglio said he did not know if the decision would survive and that he believed the panel was swayed by Dunning's exemplary record.

Dunning, 31, has been working one weekend a month as a supply officer at the Naval Aviation Depot in Alameda.▼

Tour association honors local duo

The owners of a local tour company were among those honored at the recent National Tour Association Convention in Dallas, Texas, where over 3,000 delegates gathered to consider plans for 1995 tours and beyond.

Herb Kelleher, CEO of Southwest Airlines (ctr) with Mark Hoffman, CTP, and Clayton Whitehead, CTP, owners of Sports Leisure Travel.

Mark Hoffmann and Clayton Whitehead of Sports Leisure Travel both received special recognition. Hoffmann was elected to a three-year term on the NTA Board of Directors, 1995-97. It is the first time a tour operator from Sacramento has been a member of the board in NTA's 43-year history.

"It is truly an honor to be elected by my peers to represent NTA's 600 tour operator members", said Hoffmann. "Being a member of the board has long been a goal of mine. The National Tour Association has become an important part of our company's networking system in the tour industry. As mostly small and medium-sized businesses, tour operators face a multitude of challenges, including higher taxes on tourism, possible restriction of national park access and the need to make our products more available to travel agents. By serving on NTA's Board of Directors, I have a more direct voice in working to face those challenges."

In addition, Sports Leisure Travel Co-owner Clayton Whitehead was a member of the 1994 graduating class of seventeen Certified Tour Professionals at the Dallas Convention. Only 460 members have received NTA Is highest educational honor since its inception almost a decade ago.

Whitehead stated that "receiving the CTP award is part of our (Sports Leisure's) commitment to being on the cutting edge of the tour industry. The more we know about our business, the better our product. Our clients depend on us to offer a high quality tour and we are constantly looking for ways to learn more about the tour industry. Being a Certified Tour Professional is one way to accomplish that."

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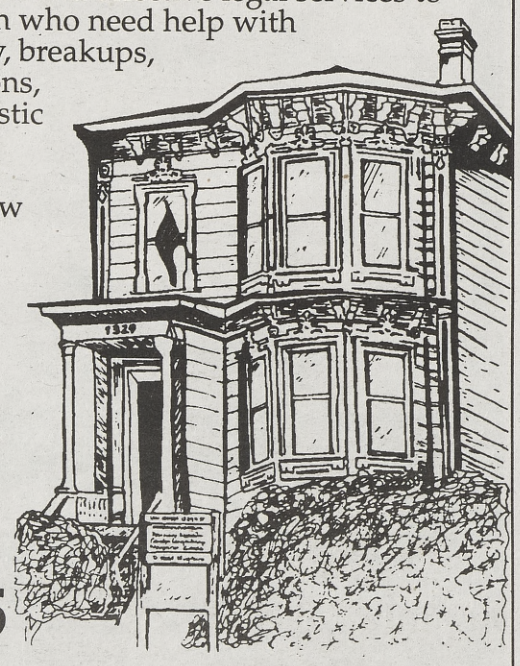

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By Christopher Solis
MGW/Food Editor

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The other day I was driving down "N" Street and was confronted by a cup of coffee. Hmm. Well, what I mean to say is there is a HUGE CUP atop the *Starbucks* on the corner of N and Alhambra Blvd. (Former location of *The Incredible Edible*...a moment of silence please).

Yes. On the building. There's no mistaking what this establishment is selling as one approaches the facility. But then again, who would? *Starbucks* has become nearly a household synonym for coffee. If not in *your* Sacramento household, at least in others across America.

Previously touted by *Fortune* Magazine as one of Americas *100 Fastest Growing Companies* (Number 39th to be more precise), *Starbucks* moves into the downtown neighborhood, already with extensive Java-retailing experience under its polished belt. This certainly must be an edge among some of our fledgling local coffee houses, and whether this turns out to be an ace in the favor of this Mega-Retailer remains to be seen. Personally, upon stopping there the other morning for a sampling, I found the atmosphere slightly *"corporate"* or rather a little slick and sterilized. That may mean nothing to the filler-up-I'm-on-the-run crowd, but I'd be hard pressed to make it a "first" choice as a place to "hang-out". The accommodations are just too *fast-food* for my tastes. Additionally upon taking some friends there the other evening after a movie, we found *Starbucks* closes at 10:00. The coffee drinkers in my acquaintance tend to be after dinner/movie/theater drinkers. Clearly *Starbucks* is targeting another market, than we creatures of the night. In fact upon my morning trip I found myself in a line, nearly-to-the-door, with...dare I say? Morning *"commuters"*.

Now all this is neither here, nor there when it comes to a "good" cup-o-jo, and *Starbucks* has this! I have indulged in both the Dark Roast and the Mocha, which are simply among the best! *Starbucks* also has gift boxes for the Coffee Lover in your family, and a catalog too.

Ahhh. So, what's a little non-descript atmosphere when the coffee is this good. Swing by and enjoy a hot cup, ask the manager where the "***MGW's***" are, try not to faint at the transformation from the previous establishment, or to hit the car in front of you when you see that BIG cup up there!▼

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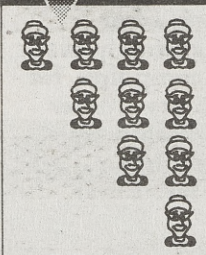

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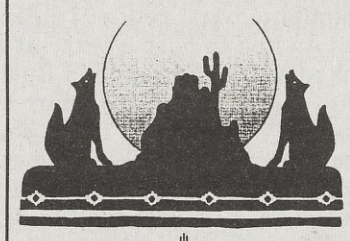

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By John Batchelor
MGW/Staff

Happy Holidays at this crazy (and mostly) magical time of the year. With the New Year just around the corner, it's undoubtedly the gateway to new adventures and challenges. Seize this renewed opportunity to tackle the unlimited possibilities! ● Best wishes to **Tony Miller** and partner **Pete Pavey** on a campaign well fought. And even though Miller is not the next Secretary of State, it's evident that he represented us well. Tony always took the high road and handled every curve with integrity. It's obvious there are more wonderful challenges ahead. We'll give you a great letter of reference. And for those of you that did *not* vote, now might be the time for some serious reflection. The margin was very close. Kudos to Tony from Mike, Jeffrey George, Ted and Mark ● The **Lambda Players** continue their energetic season with ***One Christmas Carol in Ten*** Dec. 15-23 for six performances only. What a unique opportunity for local theatre-goers. This production is on the YWCA stage and is an original musical adaptation of the Dicken's classic ● Happy December birthdays to **Michael Dennis, Doug Garrett, Steve Martinez, Kas Christopher**, former Sacramentan **Greg Friel**, unfortunate souls **Karl Reynolds & Terry Beihls** who have birthdays on Christmas Day and my New Years Eve baby and honey of all time **Michael Yahner** who is gradually catching up with me in years. The best is yet to come ● Belated B-day wishes to **Kim Ingraham** and former Sactonite **Bill Brown**. Belated second anniversary wishes to our Southern California friends **Michael** and **Paul Starr-Fuhr**. These two also send holiday greetings to all their multitude of friends ● The Christmas tree lot at the **Lambda Community Center** was such a hit last year, they are doing it again. Why buy a straight Christmas tree?? Also pick up a few extra gifts at the Center's **Craft Fair and Art Show** on Dec. 17-18 ● Want one more gift venue idea? Try the midtown area. One year I avoided the malls altogether by merely strolling down J Street. **Lioness Books, Focus Gifts, Queen Victorian, Moment of Touch** and **Barbetta's Beads & Art** are all great options ● The annual **Sacramento Men's Chorus** holiday showcase was a hit once again. Members had a bit of fun via the tutu route. **Mike Tentis** won the role of the Nutcracker Prince and **Russ Marsh** was a "good witch." If you missed the show, *shame* on you. Don't despair however, as there are more extravaganzas to come in the months just ahead ● Entrepreneur **Jim Sechelski** is at it once again. When he's not teaching or singing he's running **Burning Desires.** This cart enterprise is located upstairs near Penney's at Arden Fair Mall. The tiny shop includes hot gifts, hot foods and hot ideas all with a chili pepper theme. You can even pick up an extra pair of boxer shorts ● **Gatlin's** country western dance bar in the Downtown Plaza's America Live complex "kinda sorta" went lavender a few nights back. Since Mr. Flash is in the dance business, I was invited to host a party at the complex (my name was picked out of the Lambda Business directory, no less). What a fun night. We all took part in food, drink and even dance lessons. While you're doing your holiday shopping, take a stroll through this rambling entertainment complex ● Happy Anniversary to **Ben Nicholson** and **Scott Vorhees.** Best wishes are also extended to **Jim Stubbs** and **John Budlong** on 15 glorious years together. And while we are in the infant stage of our relationship, yours truly and the aforementioned MJY are celebrating the completion of one (and they said it couldn't be done). Congratulations to all Sacramento Area couples ● To escape the hectic pace of the holidays, take a break at one of our night spots...The **Town House** has a nice Karaoke crowd upstairs. At a recent charity Court event, the place was packed for the casino and singing...**Princess Danielle** and **Empress Racine** put together a show at the **Western** to benefit **Stocking Stuffers...Jammin' Jo's** on Broadway is a great place for darts, big screen football, ping pong and dancing. They recently added Men's Night on Wednesdays with DJ **Mark Simpson** and bartender **David**...The **Mercantile Saloon** is a cozy spot to relax with friends...The **Wreck Room** has offbeat gifts in their shop for those who are hard to buy for...The **Buffalo Club** has moved indoors for the cooler season, but continues to offer a friendly environment...The **Mirage** is always a fun get away with dancing on Saturday nights...and **Faces** offers nonstop entertainment in their complex every night ● Speaking of Blackjack, it was fun to share the table with one of the Townhouse owners, **Karl Buck** at the recent benefit nite. Karl's other half, **Don Covell,** is now a proud grand-dad. Do enjoy the years to come ● **World AIDS Day** reached 5,000 people at CSUS in Sacramento. Many came to see the **Names Project Quilt**. While others came to revisit a panel they had made. Some brought in panels to add to the massive memorial. The Candlelight Vigil was sponsored by **Teens in Action**, a section of Camp Fire Boys and Girls. Many thanks to all who made the rainy day a success ● Two guys that will do anything to get their names in the paper are **James Ozanich** and **Russ Marsh.** In preparation for the ultimate day when they actually purchase a house, they have moved into some beautiful new digs. You can't be to gradual with these things. Enjoy your spacious new home and good luck in your appliance shopping ● Until 1995, make the most of every moment. Increase that effort twofold when the New Year arrives...John▼

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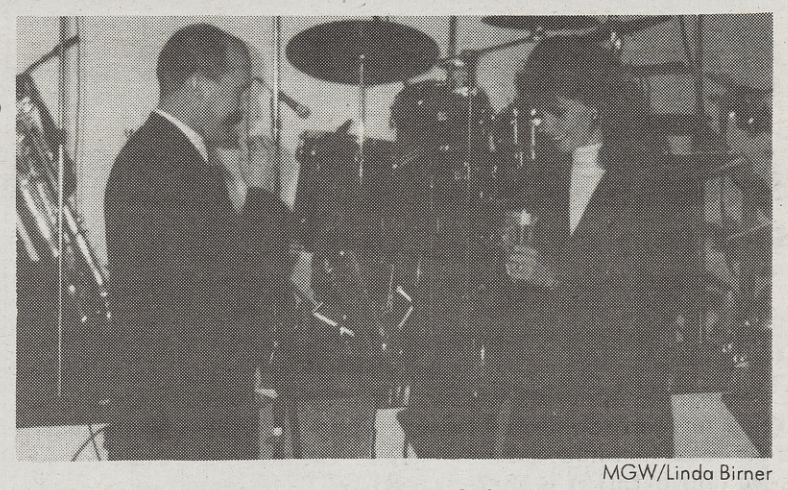

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Keith Smith, Executive Director of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation with newscaster Beth Ruyak at the "Let the Miracles Begin" holiday fundraiser.

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At a recent Sacramento reception newly elected Assemblyperson Sheila Kuehl, openly lesbian, told the guests what she is planning for the Assembly. Dennis Mangers and Laurie McBride in the back ground.

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Tony Miller was one of the honored guests after running an extremely well put together campaign for Secretary of State. Miller has been appointed by Controller Kathleen O'Connell as her Chief Deputy.

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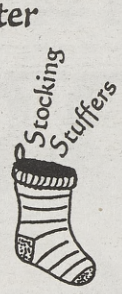

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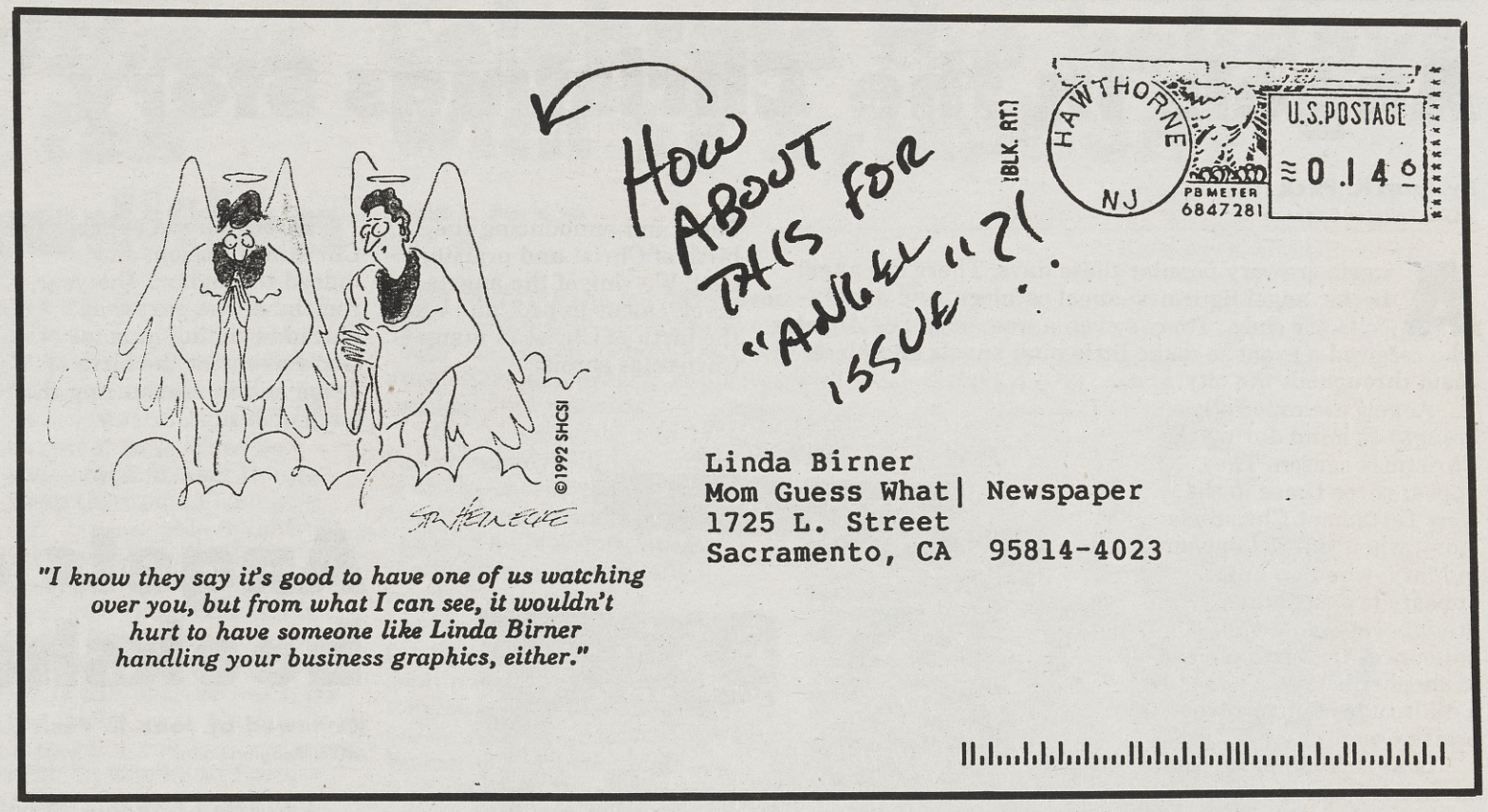

"I know they say it's good to have one of us watching over you, but from what I can see, it wouldn't hurt to have someone like Linda Birner handling your business graphics, either."

By Al Kielwasser
GLAAD SFBA

A rotten Snapple ?

Amongst the "official sponsors" of the *Rush Limbaugh Show* is the Snapple beverage company. Last year, Snapple — which has a company policy against discrimination based on sexual orientation — indicated a willingness to rethink its sponsorship. In response to a recent complaint from the National Organization of Women (NOW), the Snapple company seems to be backpeddling.

NOW President Tammy Bruce wrote to Snapple, stating: "Our organization is opposed to Mr. Limbaugh not because he is 'conservative,' but (because of) his misogyny and homophobia." Lisa Ballas, Snapple's marketing director, replied: "First, (the advertising) purchase is made based on recommendations of our advertising agency. . . . Second, Snapple does not support or even agree with the views of Mr. Limbaugh. . . . Third, Snapple does not contribute money to Mr. Limbaugh. . . ."

Send letters to Lisa M. Ballas, Marketing Coordinator, Snapple Beverage Corp., P.O. Box 9400, East Meadow, New York, 11554-9400, fax 516-872-4874.

Visa Victory

Hate monger and media mogul Pat Robertson recently issued a nationwide call to the 1 million members of his "Christian Coalition" cult, demanding that they protest Visa's support for the Gay Games (Visa had made a corporate donation of $10,000 to the Games). To counter this pressure, lesbians and gay organizations also encouraged members to call in their opinions to the company's toll-free phone line. To date, Visa reports receiving 200 to 300 calls and 600 letters in support of the company's Gay Games donation, and only 20 to 30 telephone calls and ten letters in protest. Pat Robertson has declined to comment.

Calls of support can still be directed to Visa at 800-336-3386. Also, remind your local reporters to give fair and adequate follow-up coverage to the major defeats experienced by large homophobic organizations, which often get significant press coverage (and public relations mileage) when they first announce a particular campaign.

R.E.M.: Really Empty Minded?

Yes, R.E.M.'s music is extraordinary. And yes, the musical group has been at the cutting edge of the artistic adventure. However, R.E.M.'s load singer — Michael Stipe -seems to be the epitome of empty-mindedness on the subject of sexual orientation (especially his own!). When asked about his own sexual orientation, Stipe told an MTV interviewer: "I just don't think it's anyone's business what I do with my dick, unless they're sitting in my lap." During a CNN interview, Stipe again evaded questions about sexual orientation, saying only that he is "sexually ambiguous."

Asking someone if he is gay is *not* the same as asking him to provide a biographical history of his penis. And if being gay is neither evil nor vile, then why can't we can't we talk about it?

As Michelangelo Signorile points out: "Homosexuality is not a *private* issue (it's simply a fact of life) .... Yes, gay public figures *can* have private lives and still be openly gay oust as straight public figures can retain private lives and still be openly straight)." Moreover, as media critic Larry Gross has argued, "No one is obliged to make a fabulous living as a movie, television, or recording star, and those who do take on this burden can be held accountable for the images they promote."

While Stipe's decision to treat sexual orientation as "unspeakable" is absolutely homophobic, the very fact that he was asked about it also reflects a unique media bias. Reporters often presume that everyone is heterosexual, and seldom think to ask "Are you straight?" in order to confirm the heterosexuality of their interviewees.

Comments may be directed to Michael Stipe, R.E.M., P.O. Box 8032, Athens, GA 30603.

Media Briefs

▾ *Lesbians on the Loose* — the Australian monthly news magazine — celebrates its fifth anniversary this January. For details, contact LOTL, P.O. Box 798 Newton 2042, Australia.

▾ The New Press 1994/1995 catalog of books and materials for the multicultural classroom is available from The Fund for Independent Publishing, 450 West 41st Street, New York, NY 10036, 1-800-233-4830.

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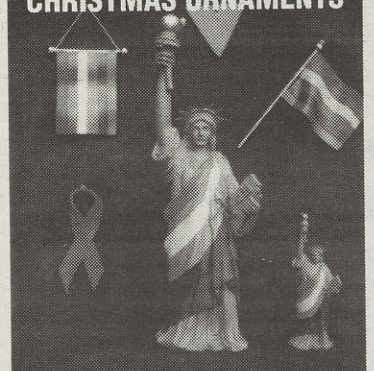

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Angels in the Christmas Story

By Joan K. Peck
MGW/Religion Editor

Angels are very popular these days. There are angel books, angel figurines, angel catalogs, and angel collector clubs. There's even a woman in Los Angeles who received a grant to make little pink angels and place them throughout the city.

Angels are especially brought to mind during the Christmas season. They appear three times in the New Testament Christmas story: when Gabriel appears to Mary, when an angel appears to Joseph in a dream, when an angel announces the birth of Jesus to shepherds and is joined by a multitude of angels who praise God.

Luke 1:26-38 in the Bible describes Gabriel's visit to Mary to tell her that she is going to conceive and bear a child and that the child's name shall be Jesus. The account also gives Mary's reaction. Gabriel is acting as God's messenger to make a great proclamation, perhaps the greatest message ever brought to humankind from God, that God the parent is sending God the child into this world to be its saviour.

Matthew 1:20-23 tells of the appearance of an angel to Joseph in a dream. Joseph has learned that Mary is pregnant and is contemplating ending their betrothal. The angel informs Joseph of the identity of the child Mary is to give birth to and instructs him regarding the naming of the child.

In Luke 2:8-15 is written the description of angels appearing to shepherd in the fields and announcing the birth of Christ and praising God. We sing of the angels involvement in proclaiming the birth of Christ in many Christmas carols:

"Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plain..."

"Hark! the herald angels sing..."

"..from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold..."

"The first Noel, the angels did say..."

"Sing choirs of angels, sing in exaltation..."

When you see angels this Christmas season, and indeed throughout the year, remember the part they played in telling humans of God's plans for the birth of Jesus and in announcing the birth of Jesus Christ.▼

Angels on the bookshelf

Reviewed by Joan K. Peck
MGW/Religion Editor

***A Rustle of Angels*, Marilynn Carlson Webber & William D. Webber, Zondervan Publishing House, 1994, 206 pages, hardback, $15.99.**

***Celebration of Angels*, Timothy Jones, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1994, 239 pages, hardback, $15.99.**

***Angels: God's Secret Agents*, Billy Graham, Word Publishing, 1986, 179 pages, paperback, $5.99.**

Angel books are plentiful with the recent increased interest in angels. There are a multitude to from which to chose, from small gift books containing quotations about angels and bits of angel lore to collections of angel encounter stories to more in-depth explorations of angelology.

I've read many of them because I find angels to be a very interesting subject and I especially enjoyed these three books because they combine intriguing and often inspiring encounter stories with Biblical and theological information about angels. I believe descriptions of angelic intervention in human lives are evidence of God's love for all of humanity, believers and non-believers.

A Rustle of Angels is easy reading. It is predominantly a book of stories of encounters with angels submitted to the authors. Biblical stories of angelic visits to earth are interlaced with stories from recent times. This book also includes some interesting discussions such as "Do angels have a sense of humor?" and "Do angels really sing?"

Celebration of Angels also combines stories of people who have had interactions with angels, but includes more theological discussion than *A Rustle of Angels*. This book includes a wonderful assortment of black and white reproductions of artwork containing angels, but curiously does not give any references so one may know the title and creator of these pieces of art.

Angels: God's Secret Agents, while published several years ago remains one of my favorites. Of the three books included in this review, it contains the most Biblical references and theology with encounter stories and Biblical examples used to illustrate the topics discussed. These topics include the reality of angels, their nature, their roles as messengers and protectors, angels and the gospel, and angels and death. Other books I've read seem to rely on *Angels: God's Secret Agents* as a reference which I believe is a result of the thorough discussion Graham gives to the topic. There is a particularly inspiring story of angelic protection of a missionary's home from a hostile tribe. I recommend this book as a great way to build a solid foundation of knowledge about angels which make all the other angel books more interesting.▼

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Ebenezer Scrooge Jr. features children of MCC

The Sunday School class at River City MCC's Cathedral of Promise will be performing the play *Ebenezer Scrooge Jr.* as part of RCMCC's Christmas celebrations.

Ebenezer Scrooge Jr. is a dramatic musical derived from the classic Dickens tale *A Christmas Carol* - with an obvious twist. The main character is an obnoxious, selfish, 10 year old who is not at all in the Spirit of Christmas. It is primarily about compassion, coping, understanding the true meaning of Christmas, and how to get what you really need. It features touching songs with life-affirming lyrics.

Performances will be Saturday, December 17 at 7 pm & Sunday, December 18 at 6 pm at RCMCC's Cathedral of Promise, Mather Air Force Base (Old Chapel #1). For more information call 856-1446.▼

One Christmas Carol in Ten begins tradition

The Lambda Players have taken a long-standing tradition, Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, and given it a new twist aimed right at the heart of our community.

This time of the year is filled with the tension of shopping, vacations, dealing with loved ones, trying to create the "perfect" celebration. It can be even more stressful for our community as we deal with other issues. Who do we spend the holidays with? Will we have to listen to anti-gay speech #104? Do we come out this year? Quite often the decisions are made for us: we don't deal with our relatives because they, or we, have broken the ties to avoid things all together.

Errol Ross, Spencer Forslund, Ken Figeroid, Jennifer Russel and Laura Saylor of *One Christmas Carol in Ten*(l-r from top).

"Well, it's time for a little diversion," says director/playwright Neil Treganza. "Time to ignore the "traditional" requirements for the holidays. Time to establish our own traditions."

One Christmas Carol in Ten is not some campy, bastardized version of the Dickens classic. Treganza has taken the original story, followed it as closely as possible, offered new interpretations of old lines, and put together a holiday event dealing with coming out and a new look at our holiday traditions.

"Christmas has always been a magical time for me," Treganza said, "I've always bought into and fought to maintain the traditions my family established around the holidays. I've never felt anyone should miss out on anything because of their sexuality. This adaptation is meant to offer something that, I feel, is an important part of the experience, but is now more relevant to me as a gay man and, hopefully, to our community The holidays focus so much on "family" - we're just redefining that."

In this adaptation, Scrooge is the way he is because he cannot accept his own sexuality. We see Scrooge as a boy, realizing he is somehow different from the other guys. Then as a young man, having to turn away the woman who loves him, but not able to confront the man he loves. He feels isolated, alone and bitter, so he places chains around his heart. Even Scrooge's gay nephew, Freddy, cannot break through the walls. So the spirits try to teach Scrooge he can love and have pride in who he is. Fortunately, Scrooge learns his lesson just in time to celebrate with his new family.

One Christmas Carol in Ten offers an exciting new holiday event. The Lambda Players have gathered a talented cast and crew. The show has been designed by local artists who have created a stunning set and gorgeous original costumes. Treganza's original musical score promises to have you leaving the theatre humming and bursting with the holiday spirit. Grab your lover, partner, girl/boyfriend, mom, dad, and even Aunt Sally and celebrate the holiday with whomever you call "family" through an evening's entertainment provided by the Lambda Players.

One Christmas Carol in Ten runs December 15, 16, 17, 22 and 23 at 8pm with a 2pm matinee on Sunday, December 18. Performances are held at the YWCA, 1122 17th St, Sacramento. Tickets are $10 in advance, $12 at the door and are available at the Community Center Box Office. Info: 442-7752.▼

Celebrate the holidays with SF Symphony

Vicki T. Purslow
MGW/Staff

Celebrate the holiday season with the San Francisco Symphony in Davies Symphony Hall. With festively decorated lobbies, the Orchestra, Chorus, and special guest stars will provide audiences with a delightful array of musical performances.

On December 16 and 17, the symphony will join forces with the chorus to perform one of Handel's most beloved works, The Messiah. Guest conducting is James Paul, musical director of the Louisiana Symphony, and featured soloists include soprano Ollie Watts Davis, mezzo-soprano Meredith parsons, tenor Tracey Welborn, and bass baritone Richard Bernstein. One hour prior to each concert, SFS Chorus Director Vance George will give a presentation about Handel and The Messiah.

December 18 brings a sing-along concert, featuring the 9000-pipe Ruffati organ, the largest concert hall organ in North America. Special guests for this concert, which will be held at 2pm and again at 7pm, include one of America's finest brass quintets, the Empire Brass, along with San Francisco native and veteran pop/jazz percussionist Kurt Wortman.

Back by popular demand is the "Colors of Christmas" concert, to be held on December 19 and 20. Pop superstars Peabo Bryson, Roberta Flack, Sheena Easton, and James Ingram will share the spotlight, singing their biggest hits and favorite holiday songs.

Contemporary jazz pianist David Benoit makes his SFS debut at 8pm on December 30 where he will join the Orchestras to play a sampling of his hits from his numerous best-selling records. Benoit has been nominated from a Grammy in jazz-fusion categories and hit number one on the Billboard jazz charts with this 1989 hit, Waiting for Spring.

Celebrate the New Years in grand style with lavish, sweeping waltzes of Old Vienna and a gala party to ring in the new year. The musical program will feature the music of Strauss, Lehar, Heuberger, and Offenbach. Festivities will continue after the concert, where revelers can dance the night away and countdown to 1995.

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A safe haven for gay youth

By Jennifer L. Selig
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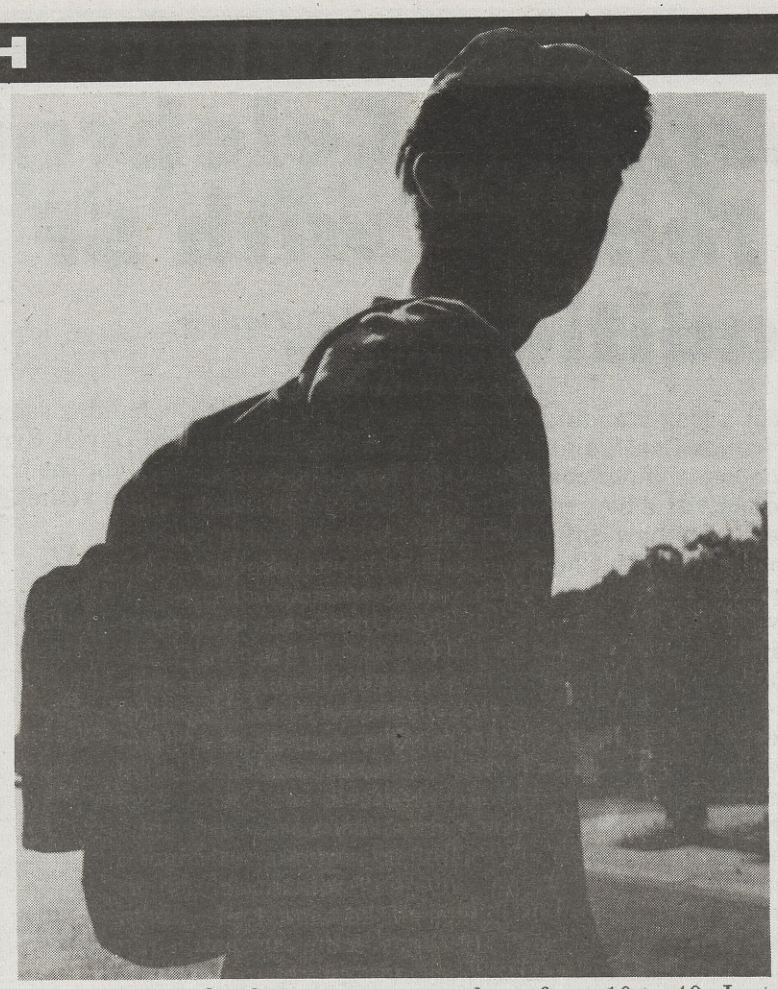

"Let's see, how am I doing Well, I just found out that I have to get up at 7:00 in the morning to take the SAT's in Sacramento instead of in April as I thought, or lose $120 in application fees, and my parents are out of town for the next 4 days and they think my sister and I will kill each other if we are left alone so there's this lady staying with us, but my sister's still having all her scummy friends over anyway, and... um...I still don't understand bisexuals...."

It was relatively quiet around the circle until this gay high school boy from Davis walked in the room and "checked in" with the group, and if Brian was worried about finding a topic for the evening, he needn't worry any longer. So begins a Friday night Youth Rap Group session at the Lambda Center, where on this particular night, five young women and four young men gathered to tell stories, debate topics, and offer solace to each other, a safe haven amidst the maelstrom and mayhem that their lives often are during the week.

The comment on bisexuality keeps the group going for quite a while, as they try to help their peer through his confusion. One young woman explains to him, "To me, it seems like bisexuals have the best of both worlds." When he admits that he doesn't want to have a relationship with a bisexual, several of the group are quick to point out that he is discriminating, and the conversation becomes heated. When they exhaust that topic and silence falls over the room, a young woman curled up on the couch tells the group about her recent depression and suicide attempt over Thanksgiving, and as she unfolds the details of her life, the room becomes heavy with sadness, compassion, and understanding.

But not for long, because this group recognizes the need for a good mixture of levity as well. Soon they are talking about their favorite Sesame Street characters ("Sesame Street kicks," one offers) and who is hotter, Michelle Phieffer or Sharon Stone. There is laughter and gentle teasing even in the midst of the war stories. And these youth have plenty of open wounds waiting for exposure and healing. In one hour, two speak of mothers on drugs, one of an alcoholic father, two of sexual abuse, three mention their therapists, one talks of living in a group home. One newcomer sits back, smiles and nods every so often, but doesn't say anything at all.

Brian is the Lambda Center's Youth Coordinator, a guy that looks barely out of the 14-23 age bracket that the Center defines as youth. He doesn't have to say much this evening, leaving it to the group to define the topics and lead the conversation where they want, sometimes need, it to go. He's only been with the Center for four months now, but his rapport with the "regulars" is great, and he goes out of his way to make the newcomers welcome. Brian is a visionary, a dreamer, his brain brimming with ideas and goals that he must bring to fruition during his mere 20 hours of time a week. Together with a woman who does 10 hours of Youth Outreach a week, and his Youth Advisory Board, made up of both youth and adults, they strive for two main goals: to increase knowledge of and access to the Center with the goal of boosting attendance, and then, with increased attendance, to offer more services to the youth.

In addition to the Friday night Rap Group, they also sponsor a Saturday night social, closing off the Center from 8 p.m. to midnight, which brings in groups of anywhere from 10 to 40. Just added to the Center's services is a youth hotline, where peer counselors armed with hours of training will answer phones from 7-11 on Friday and Saturday nights (442-7948), with the hopes of expanding those hours soon.

Also in the works now are plans to have dances at the Center twice a month, complete with lights and a d.j.

It may not be much yet, but for the few that gather in the circle of mismatched furniture on Friday night, it may be everything they have. The young woman from the group home rails about her frustrations with the adults running the home: "They hold it over me, these meetings. They say, 'If you don't behave, you can't go to your meeting.' So I just shut up and go in my room so I don't get in trouble, because I am so lonely, I got no friends, and coming here is the only thing that gets me through."

Nine heads nod in agreement.▼

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Local artists shine on holiday release

Reviewed by Craig Vreeken
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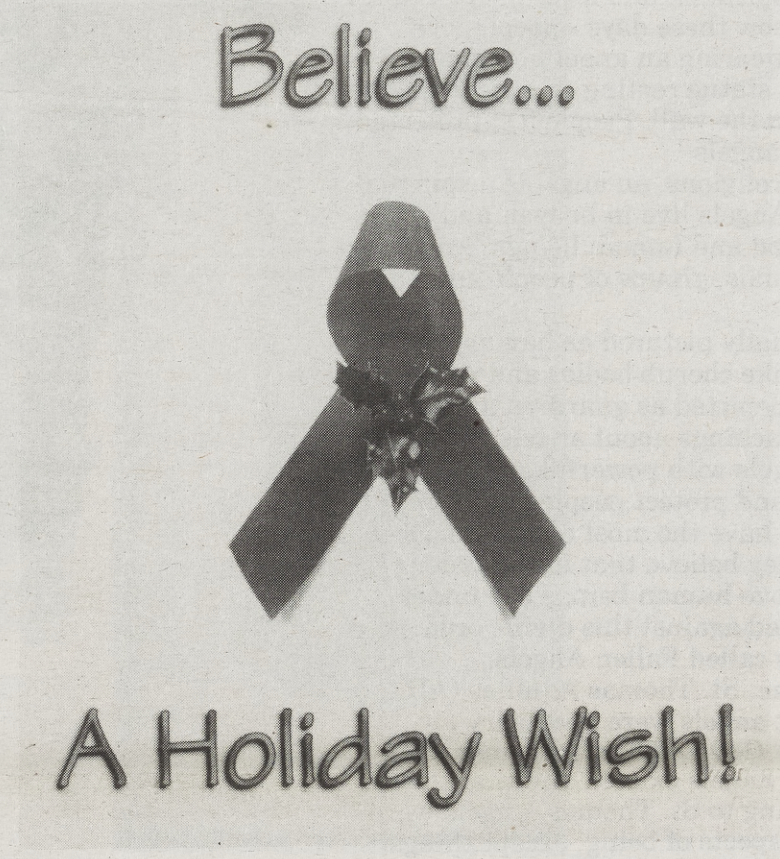
Believe. . . A Holiday Wish, Various Artists

Believe . . . A Holiday Wish is not only a great collection of new Christmas songs, it is also probably one of the best collections of Sacramento artists released to date. Purchase of this CD not only benefits the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, it also provides over 70 minutes of mostly original Christmas music, performed by local musicians whose talent and professionalism is too often overlooked in their hometown.

Mumbo Gumbo is one group, however, whose talent has not been overlooked in Sacramento. They lead off the collection with "Blue Christmas," a song made famous by Elvis Presley. Mumbo Gumbo's version is sadder and darker, though, with the group sounding like a New Orleans funeral marching band as they back up the plaintive vocals of Chris Webster and Tracy Walton.

Other standouts on the disc are "Christmas Day," an original by Anton Barbeau. With its electric sitar and chiming 12-string guitars, it sounds like a cross between The Beatles, The Byrds, The Kinks and XTC. The Porchupines original "Kith And Kin" is reminiscent of 10,000 Maniacs and manages to be inclusive as well; Happy Hanukkah is proclaimed in the lyrics alongside Merry Christmas. Sacramento's premier punk rockers, The Groovie Ghoulies contribute an original called "Christmas on Mars," and Henry Robinett provides some contrast with a jazz instrumental called "Forever Christmas." And Davis' ska outfit Lawsuit seem to somehow combine Christmas and conspiracy theories with "The Grassy Knoel."

There are other contributions from such local luminaries as Mick Martin & The Blues Rockers, The Tattooed Love Dogs, The Beer Dogs,



Lee Wessman, Phil Sillas and seven others. The CD is professionally packaged with a fold-out sleeve that features a photograph of last June's Capital AIDS Walk.

A Perfect Holiday Gift!

(Look closely and you may find yourself if you were there.) Local radio stations are playing selected tracks from the CD, as fits their format.

The project was conceived by David Whitaker, studio manager of Studio Z Recording, Inc. He approached the Sacramento AIDS Foundation with the idea because he wanted to do something to help in the fight against AIDS. He ended up being the producer and engineer of the compilation and talked local groups into donating their time and talent to the project. Also donating funding to the project were radio stations KNCI, KQPT and 93 Rock, as well as Tower Records, Skip's Music, The Tower Cafe, Mering & Associates, and R.K. Shultz Salon.

The 11-year-old Sacramento AIDS Foundation helps the estimated 5,000 people in the Sacramento area who are currently HIV positive or living with AIDS. Some of the services provided include in-home care, food, transportation, legal aid, and emotional support. The CD is available at all local record stores, and every dollar goes to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.▼

Give music to make the holidays bright

Vicki T. Purslow
MGW/Staff

With the holidays just around the corner, I can't think of a better gift than that of music. Here are some suggestions to make your loved one's holiday bright!

Special Promotions

Wouldn't it be nice to be able to buy a cd whose profits go directly to AIDS service, education, prevention, and advocacy programs across the United States? You can, and its a great disk to boot. HIV-positive jazz pianist Fred Hersch has produced a great lp featuring stellar performances by many of the jazz industry's hottest artists, including the Manhattan Transfer's Janis Siegel, Toots Thielmans, George Shearing, Phil Woods, Gary Burton and Jane Ira Bloom. The cd, *Last Night When We Were Young: The Ballad Album*, is only available through Classical Action: Performing Arts Against Aids. The disk costs only $19.95 and can be ordered by calling 1-800-321-AIDS. A sure fire bet for the Streisand fan on your list is the double cd set, *Barbra: The Concert.* In addition to the songs performed on her recent HBO special of the same name, Streisand has also included a delightful medley of Disney hits, which she performed only at her New Years show in Las Vegas. Neil Diamond fans won't want to miss out on his double disk release, *Live in America,* which features all of his greatest hits as performed during his 1991 - 1993 "In the Round Tour."

Marsha Stevens

Gay/Lesbian Artists

The critically acclaimed a capella group, The Flirtations, have just released their new disk, *Live Out On The Road*. This will bring its audience a smile from start to finish, featuring songs such as "So Much In Love (Lesbian Love)," "Oughta Be A Woman," and "The Homecoming Queen's Got A Gun". *Brave Boys, The Best and More of Romanovsky and Phillips* is the latest release by these two very funny guys. Featuring "Don't Use Your Penis For A Brain" and "If There Is A God He's A Queen," these kings of comedy provide a great cd, complete with lyrics for those who wish to sing along. On the more serious side, Alix Dobkin's *Love and Politics*, Marsha Stevens' *I Still Have A Dream*, and Laura Bowly's *Stones and Flowers,* each offer a nice variety of womyn's music.

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And The Angels Became An In Thing...

Patrol wears angels

Dear Editor,

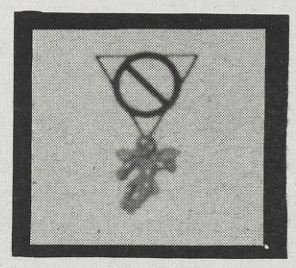
As a company, Be Proud! has always been into new and exciting products. About three months ago with the new catalog to prepare for we decided to include "The Lavender Angels." It was a great idea. For some reason, manufacturers thought that angels would be the new fad. It continues to be very popular.

I volunteer for "The Lavender Angels" the gay neighborhood watch of Sacramento. I thought it would be a good idea for Lavender Angels to wear Lavender Angels. Be Proud! donated the angels so we can wear them on patrol. I gave them out at one of our meetings, everybody loved them. I got all kinds of different responses. The most popular one was that the angel could watch over us on patrol, or that someone is looking out for me. Another one was that the angel could give me strength when I needed it the most. It mostly centered around looking to someone or something else for guidance or strength.

I believe that stretches not only to the gay community but the different communities as a whole. My mom has joined the angel bandwagon and so has her friends. I believe that she was not only influenced by the upcoming holidays but the spiritual nature of the angel.

If you need more information about "The Lavender Angels" call 535-5995.

Thanks again,
Stephanie M. St. Onge



By Dorothy Mason
Guest Writer

Angels are touching the hearts of many people of all ages with inspiration and love. There is truly an angel craze now these days - people love angels - whether it be wearing an angel pin on a shirt collar, having an angel statue resting on a nearby table, or an Angel calendar on the wall. People feel protected, nurtured and loved by angels.

According to many religions, an angel is a spiritual being created by God. Angels live in heaven and act as messengers between God and human beings. Angels act as guardians of individuals, groups of people and nations.

Angels are traditionally pictured as having a human body and wings. Childlike cherub bodies and women figures are most often depicted as guardian angels. Many religions have teachings about angels, with legends telling how angels with powerful spirits appear in dreams and visions and protect people. Judaism, Christianity and Islam have the most elaborate doctrines about angels. They believe that in the order of beings, angels rank above human beings but under God. Angels who rebelled against this divine order were Satan and other angels called Fallen Angels.

In Christian doctrine, St. Thomas Aquinas (AD 1100-1200) taught that angels were necessary for divine relation between God and human beings. He believed that countless angels existed and that they were immortal. According to St. Thomas, angels were all knowing about all aspects of being, except things that were about human choice and things known only by God.

People believe that angels have special duties and look up to them for protection, inspiration and creation of virtue in their lives. On this page we have reproduced some Angels offered by different companies and also by Be PROUD!, a gay/lesbian pride product business in Davis, CA that offers a Lavender Guardian Angel pin for Gays and Lesbians. This angel is to remind gays and lesbians that God has an angel that cares about us. The 1/2 inch. lavender enameled cherub angel pin comes on an inspirational card designed for gays and lesbians particular needs and issues : Abundance, Civil Rights, Breast Cancer, AIDS, Recovery, Physical Challenges, Pride and Unity in Our Family, Homophobia, Acceptance, Health, God Loves Me and Listening to God. Lavender Angels are priced retail at $5 includes tax and shipping. Info: 756-8033.▼

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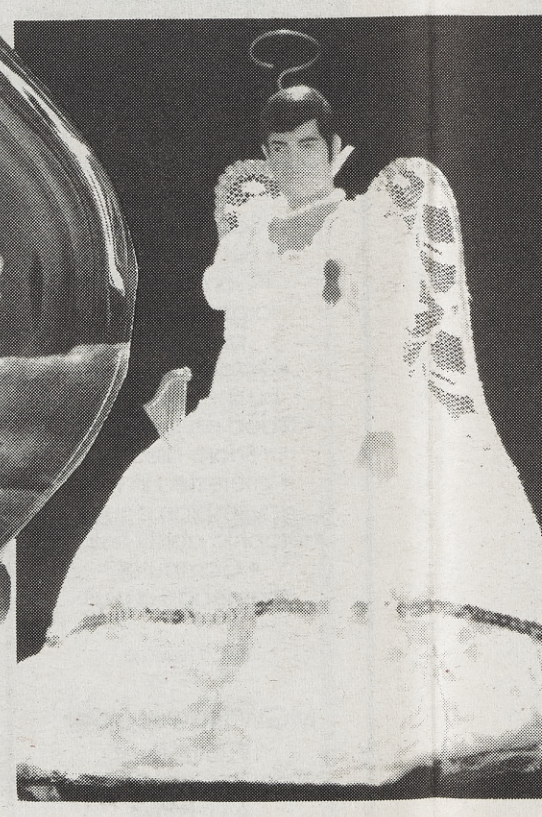

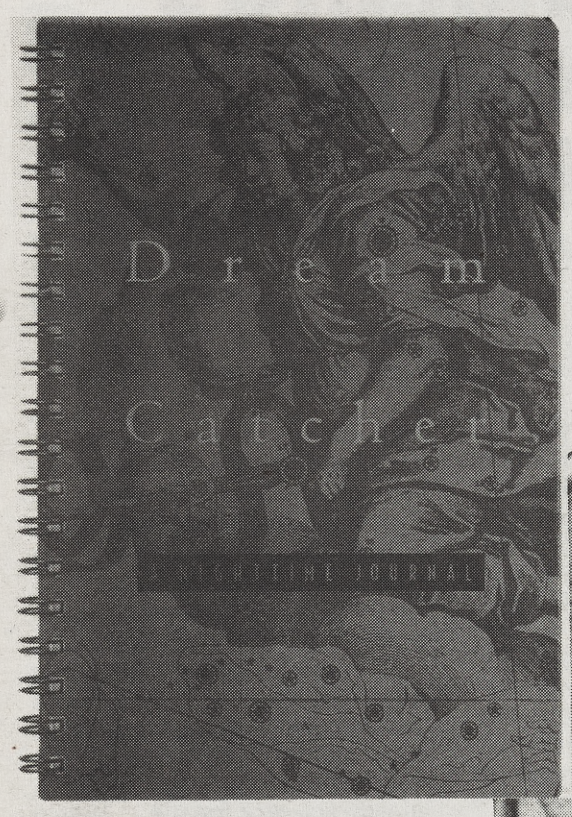
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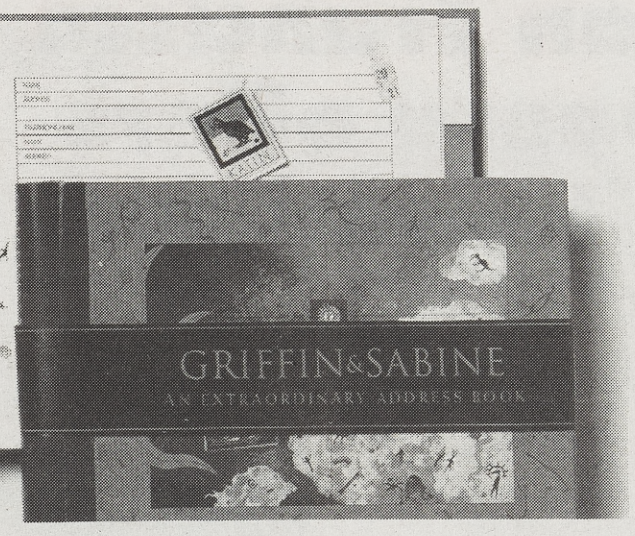
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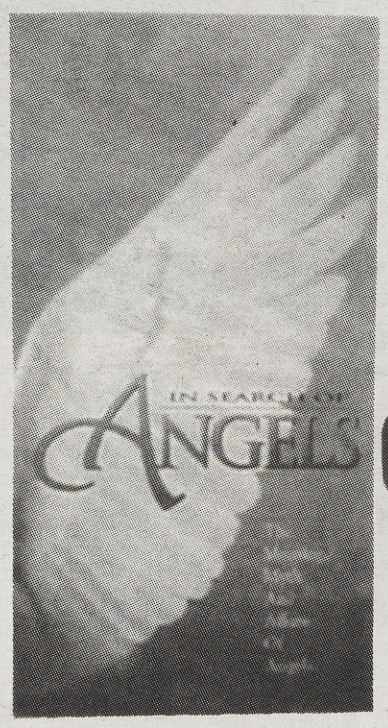

IN SEARCH OF
ANGELS

San Francisco Opera offers alternatives

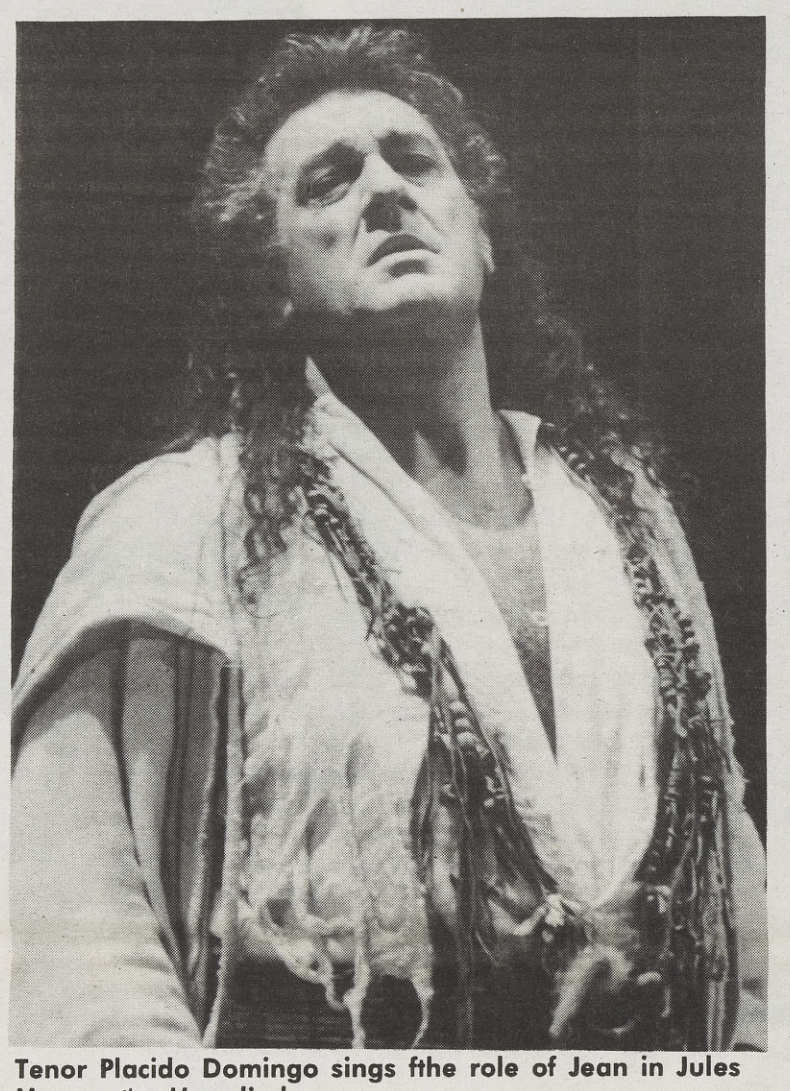
By Wayne R. Anderson
MGW/Staff

Verdi's version of *Otello* dominates the opera stage today, but during most of the 19th century Rossini's Moor did so.

In 1816 it broke new ground in at least two important ways: the recitative was accompanied by the orchestra rather than a harpsichord, giving it greater weight and integrating it into the musical fabric of the opera, and its tragic ending shocked contemporary audiences. (For the conservative Roman public, Rossini composed a version in which Otello realizes Desdemona's fidelity at the last minute and the work ends with a duet of reconciliation.)

Except for the final act, the libretto bears scant resemblance to Shakespeare. Most people were not much troubled by this since the Bard was not yet highly regarded in Italy at the time (he was considered crude). Desdemona's father Elmiro is a prominent character, Cassio does not exist, the handkerchief is replaced by an incriminating letter, Iago and Rodrigo are both in love with Desdemona, and Otello stabs his wife instead of strangling her. The music is typical of the florid style of the period, especially in the male roles. Otello, Rodrigo, and Iago are all tenors with highly ornamented music ranging *above* high C (up to E natural for Iago).

How does this opera fall upon modern ears? There are some wonderful sections, such as Desdemona's Willow Song (fully the equal of Verdi's), a beautiful quartet in the first act (applauded at length by the audience), and a dramatic ending to the second act as Desdemona awaits the outcome of an offstage duel. But much of the music, especially with three tenors, seems repetitive. Dramatically the work is not strong. Elmiro blusters around the stage, and Iago and Rodrigo apparently hate Otello just because he got the girl. As one critic of the opera remarked, if you changed the names of the characters, few people would recognize this as Shakespeare. The racist libretto contains frequent disparaging references to "the African."



Tenor Placido Domingo sings fthe role of Jean in Jules Massenet's *Herodiade*.

The cast was probably about as good as could be assembled today. Chris Merritt's Otello was not of vocal velvet. There was a beat to his voice at higher volume, but he had the technique and did belt out the high notes securely on pitch. Craig Estep seemed out of his vocal depth as Iago, frequently swallowing his notes. The best male singing came from Bruce Ford as Rodrigo whose lyrical tenor sounded comfortable in this music. Cecilia Gasdia sang and acted a touching Desdemona. Her voice was harder and less silvery than in the past, but still beautiful. As Elmiro, Kevin Langan's rich bass was flawed by the lack of a secure top. Patrick Summers conducted with verve but did not outrun his singers.

The production was foolish. *Commedia dell'arte* figures on stilts, representing the main characters, "explained" everything to the audience. This made sense when they portrayed background action not seen in the opera, but grew tiresome as they repeated what we had already seen and mingled with the singers. The nadir was a giant lion that filled well over half the width of the stage. Although effective in the first scene, it was later parked in the

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Sacramento's *Carmen* is exciting

By Wayne R. Anderson
MGW/Staff

The Sacramento Opera opened its 1994-95 season with a strogly-sung, well-staged, exciting production of Bizet's *Carmen*.

Carmen herself was sung by Adria Firestone in a huge rich mezzosoprano that dominated all else onstage when she unleashed it. One could simply revel in the beauties of her gorgeous music.

However the role is more than just a vocal exercise. Carmen is a highly complex character, opera's first verismo heroine and also its first liberated woman.

Ms Firestone tended to overplay everything, especially in the first act where she seemed obsessed with sex as she intimately pawed nearly every man around.

Things improved throughout the evening, however, and by the end we saw a gypsy of real flesh and blood. A telling moment came in the last act when Jose asks her if she still loves him. Instead of saying flatly and coldly "No, I don't love you anymore" (as many Carmens including Callas have done), she agonized over that line, trying to spare Jose's feelings yet still be free of him. The audience rewarded her with a standing ovation at the end.

Rico Serbo sang Don Jose in a dry tenor that sometimes strayed from pitch. There were moments of excitement, but he often sounded as though he had mashed potatoes in his mouth. Yet despite these vocal shortcomings, his extremely fine acting made him a great asset to this performance as he successfully rode the fine line between tragedy and melodrama.

The final act was especially moving as we saw Jose's total degradation as a human being. Sylvia Wen sang Jose's village sweetheart Micaæla with a soaring lyric soprano of great fluidity.

Her act I duet with Jose and her act III aria were highlights of the evening as her liquid tone floated through the house. Bruce Brown was a handsome toreador Escamillo with a sturdy rich baritone. Reg Huston's big secure bass elevated Zuniga in stature.

The many minor roles were well-sung, and the chorus sang with a sonorous tone. Monroe Kanouse conducted with his usual energy yet care for the singers. It sounded as though more rehearsal would have helped. There were some rough spots in the orchestra and the Habanera seemed to fall apart.

The sets were generally attractive but conventional. In Act II they vividly captured the smoky sleaze of Lillas Pastia's tavern, but by the final act it seemed they had run out of money. It was a joy to see honest straight-forward sets for a change after some of the oddities being served up at the San Francisco Opera this fall. The costumes were attractive but not lavish.

The final production, Die Fledermaus, opens with a fine cast (Evelyn de la Rosa and Pamela South) on Feb. 24; call 264-5181 for tickets.▼

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Real-life fantasy is alluring

Reviewed by Stefan Grünwedel
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***Heavenly Creatures*. Starring Melanie Lynskey, Kate Winslet, and Sarah Peirse. Written and directed by Peter Jackson.** ▼▼▼▼

This compellingly told, visually surprising film is a fascinating, real-life account of fantasy, love, and obsession that is both repellent and alluring.

The childhood of 15-year-old Pauline Parker (Lynskey) is rather dull in Christchurch, New Zealand, until Juliet Hulme (Winslet) moves from England and joins her school. These smart and independently minded girls, so different in their own ways, soon become fast friends. Both love to write, so when Pauline gets a diary for Christmas, they decide to concoct a setting for their stories to take place in—Borovnia, a medieval fantasy kingdom with kings, queens, princes, and princesses.

Tuberculosis forces Juliet into a sanitarium for four months, but their letter writing keeps them and their shared fantasies intact. Their intimacy unnerves Pauline's mother, Honora (Peirse), who senses something unhealthy about it. The doctor describes it as a slight case of lesbianism that they're surely to grow out of.

A revelation of infidelity forces Juliet's parents to separate and remove her temporarily to relatives in South Africa. The two girls announce they *must* remain together, but Honora refuses to allow her daughter to leave home at such an early age. In fact, she places more and more restrictions on her daughter in order to curtail their relationship. As a result, she is seen as the sole impediment to Juliet's and Pauline's future happiness together. They decide to bump her off.

Jackson's film is stylish and intelligent, and prefers to dwell on the disturbing mind-set that the girls create for themselves rather than hype the murder that makes them infamous. Lynskey and Winslet, both newcomers to movies (and actually 15!), convey their respective, obsessive selves convincingly. Aiding them are spectacular special effects that are in turn subtle and overwhelming, and a whirling camera that dazzles without dizzying the viewer.

Melanie Lynskey and Kate Winslet romp in the woods in *Heavenly Creatures*.

Heavenly Creatures is playing at Landmark's Sacramento Inn.▼

Fairy tale gone awry

Reviewed by Stefan Grünwedel
MGW/Staff

***I Don't Want to Talk About It*. Starring Marcello Mastroianni, Luisina Brando, and Alejandra Podesta. Directed by Maria Luisa Bemberg. In Spanish with English subtitles.** ▼▼

This blend of fairy tale, allegory, and black comedy is dedicated to "all people who have the courage to be different in order to be themselves." Although beginning on a promising note, *I Don't Want to Talk About It* is a little too slow and introspective to be enjoyable.

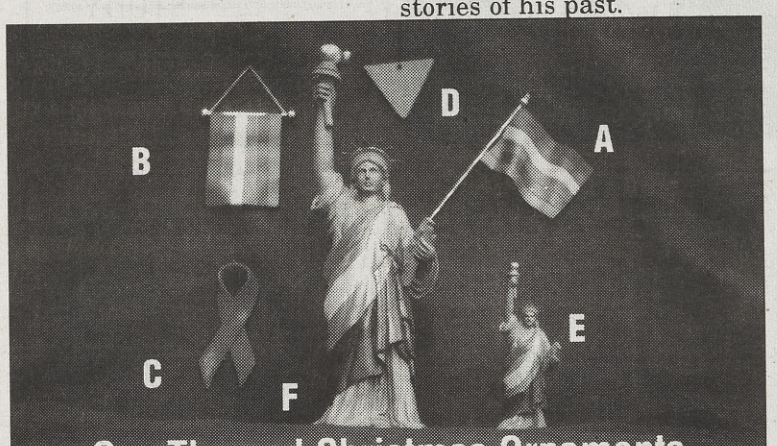
Wealthy widow Leonor (Brando) refuses to accept the fact that her daughter, Charlotte (Podesta), is a dwarf. She forbids anyone in her small Argentinian village even to discuss that fact. But when the mysterious Ludovico D'Andrea (Mastroianni) arrives and charms the populace and fascinates Charlotte with stories of his past.

Charlotte is an independent spirit too—she gives a popular piano recital—whom her mother encourages. But D'Andrea symbolizes escape to the unknown. When he spies her riding the horse he's given her, he sees her as the woman she is becoming, not the eternal child her size suggests.

This is an odd love story, peculiarly articulated as fables are. It's as if the characters are archetypes more than real people. This means they may behave predictably. When the circus comes to town, you anticipate that Charlotte will be lured to this band of outcasts. And you know she's eventually going their way; she has a life to live outside the small confines of her village.

It's unfortunate how flat some of the humorous moments are played out. They have the potential to be hilarious, and would have enlivened the movie considerably. If you are a Mastroianni fan, you'll probably like this film; if not, try a different one.

I Don't Want to Talk About It is playing at Landmark's Tower Theatre.▼



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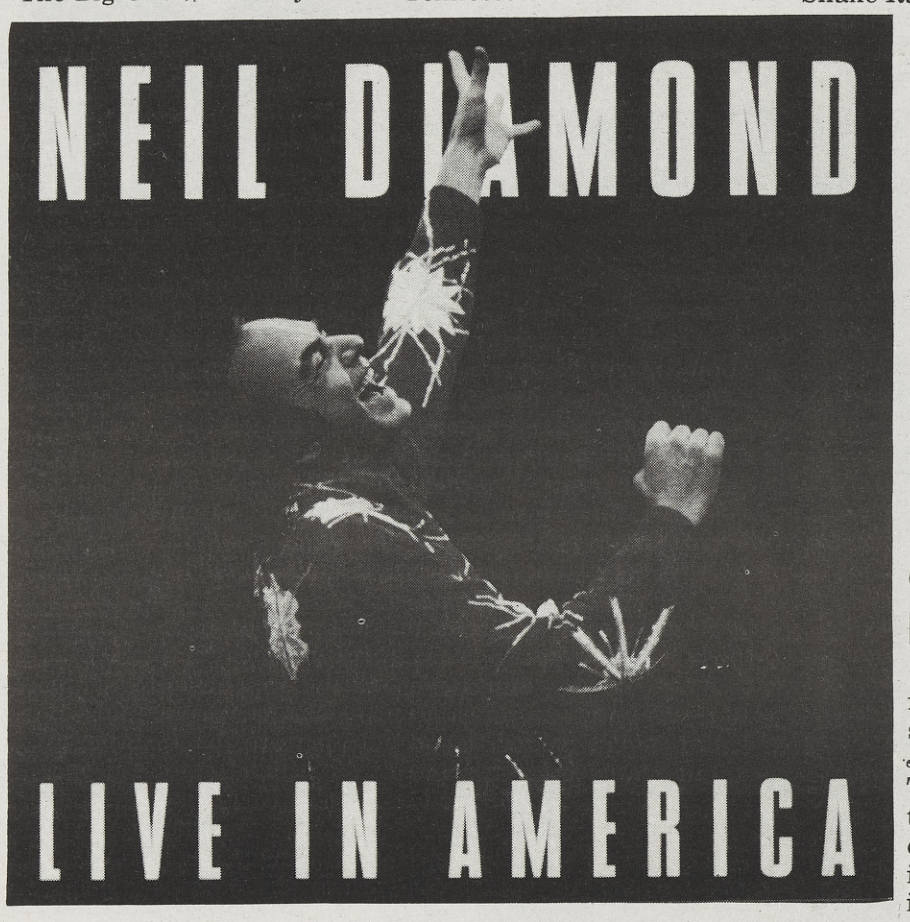
Vince Gill's latest hit, "What The Cowgirls Do," appears on his new lp, *When Love Finds You.* George Strait brings us Lead On (featuring his new single, "The Big One"). Country fans are sure to be delighted with both disks. For the listener preferring a compilation, try *Skynard Friends,* which features Wynonna, Alabama, Travis Tritt, Confederate Railroad, and other country artists paying tribute to the Lynyrd Skynard band.

Pop

Pop music fans might enjoy the latest by Dionne Farris, who you may recognize as the lead singer on Arrested Development's Grammy winning single, "Tennessee." Farris' disk is entitled *Wild Seed-Wild Flower,* and it combines funk, soul, jazz, rock, and blues. Swing Out Sister's latest remake single, La La Means I Love You, appears on their release, *The Living Return*, while British pop artists Matt Bianco bring us their blend of jazz, pop, and rap, in *Another Time Another Place*. If remakes is what you want, Huey Lewis and the News offer *Four Chords and Several Years Ago* (including the songs "Shake Rattle and Roll," "But It's Alright," and "Some Kind of Wonderful"). Good releases by lesser known artists include The London Suede's *Dog Man Star* (which is reminiscent of Sgt. Pepper), Big Audio's *Higher Power* (a blend of techno-dance-pop), and Horse's *God's Home Movie* (British pop).



Christmas LP's

If its holiday music you're searching for, try *Joyful Christmas.* This cd features the power houses of the music industry, including Patti LaBelle, Lou Rawls, Oleta Adams, Nancy Wilson and Peabo Bryson. Mariah Carey has released her lp, *Merry Christmas,* which includes the usual holiday fair.▼

Alternatives

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background like a huge beast that refused to leave. As the curtain rose on the final act in Desdemona's bedroom, it looked as though the beast had at last been induced to depart, until we saw it perched atop Desdemona's bed canopy. This brought a chorus of guffaws from the audience, causing the conductor to indignantly stop the music. It was a treat to see this rarely-done opera, and the cast was more than respectable. But a better production would have done the piece justice.

The name Salome brings Richard Strauss to mind, but Massenet wrote an 1881 version of the same story and called it *Herodiade*. In this work, a sprawling grand opera a la Meyerbeer, Salome is a follower of Jean (John the Baptist) who is in love with him, and he returns her love (although nothing much comes of it). The lecherous Herod is a would-be patriot intent on driving out the Romans, and Herodiade (Herodias) actually shows some affection for her husband. There is no dance of the seven veils, and it is Herodiade, not Salome, who demands and gets Jean's head. Considered shocking in its day, it pales before Strauss' decadent version. Despite some very nice arias and duets, the music has many fine lyrical touches but is not really memorable, and the rambling plot doesn't hold our attention.

In its first production of this opera, the SFO cast was first rate. Dolora Zajick's powerful mezzo easily soared through Herodiade's music. The role of Jean held no vocal terrors for Placido Domingo's powerful tenor, but a more lyrical sound would have been welcome at times. The best singing came from Renee Fleming as Salome. Her ample creamy soprano was ideal and every aria was a joy to hear. Juan Pons' round smooth baritone was especially suited to this music, and his round figure suited the character of Herod. Conductor Valery Gergiev made the most of both Massenet's lyricism and the many large choral scenes.

The sets consisted mostly of large stone walls, sometimes interspersed with glass panels, which rolled around to reveal occasional painted backdrops. The fantastically rich-looking costumes were a real plus, and the ballets were interestingly choreographed and well-danced.▼

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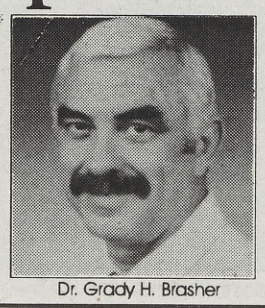
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More holiday suggestions

By Joan B. Guertin
MGW/Staff

Still stumped over what to get for a favorite person on that gift list? This is an annual dilemma for me. Fortunately, many of my friends have pets, so I tend to gravitate to items that will delight them or their pets. Here are a few more good ideas that I stumbled on recently.

A really exciting new product that might even be a good gift to give to yourself is the **Scat Mat**. I saw it demonstrated recently during my recent trip to Orlando and I'm convinced it will prove to be the answer to many who have specific problems that need addressing. According to the information from the manufacturer, it repels pets from problem places with little pulses like static electricity. It's fast, safe, effective. It comes in different shapes, including a half circle and full circle. Either one will work well around trash cans or Christmas Trees for that persistent pet that won't leave them alone when you are absent. It also comes in strips for counters and window sills or models for furniture or doorways. Check your local pet shop or the R.C. Steele Catalog.

Another idea might be a donation in a favorite persons name to the SPCA. A non-profit, self-supporting shelter, the Sacramento SPCA at 6201 Florin Perkins Rd. The SSPCA also has great gifts available in their "store" at the shelter. Christmas cards, T-shirts, Mugs and the new SSPCA sweatshirt on available. They are also selling the 1995 Sacramento Entertainment Book and California Dog Lover's Companion which covers all the places in California where you and your pup are welcome... they'll even mail it to a friend for a slight additional charge. Visit today or call them at 383 PETS for additional information.

For those of you who are creative in the kitchen, Dog-Gone Good Cookies might be a wonderful gift for a favorite pup in your life.

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Although I highly discourage people from introducing new pets into the home over the holidays, it is a fact of life that it still happens. To make the Holidays less stressful for the new family addition follow some of the following guidelines: Remember that a young pet needs lots of rest, so make sure that it has a quiet place where it can feel safe during parties or when visitors are present. Also make sure that you watch pups and kittens when doors are open. They will dart out between your feet and may end up lost, or worse.

Make sure that pets have tags for identification should they get lost. And, keep handling at a minimum so that a small pet doesn't get stressed. Also, remember that a new pup or kitten needs to be protected by a full set of immunizations, so it is advisable not to take them visiting, particularly where there are other animals. And, don't allow them to have people food or

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HIV NEWSLINE

On the HIV front...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Radical display skirts reality...

To support his belief that HIV does not cause AIDS, a Florida physician recently pricked his finger at an alternative-medicine meeting with a needle that had just been inserted into the finger of an HIV-positive man. Robert Willner wanted to draw attention to what he calls "the greatest scan ever perpetrated," saying he agrees with a few others in this country who feel that AIDS is caused by recreational drugs, malnutrition, and medicine such as AZT — not by the HIV virus. Health officials say statements and actions of this type perpetuate doubts and lead to confusion by the public at large regarding the cause of AIDS. Dr. Robert Gallo, a co-discoverer with French scientists of the HIV virus, says we'll never have better data regarding the cause of a disease than we have for HIV and AIDS. Studies of health care workers who have accidentally injected themselves with infected needles show that the possibility of Dr. Willner's becoming infected from his demonstration is only one-third of one percent. Sadly, in Sacramento this miniscule possibility has resulted in the death of at least one of our health care workers.

Activist dies...

Elizabeth Glaser, who spoke so movingly at the 1992 Democratic presidential convention about the AIDS epidemic, died December 3 of a brain infection related to AIDS. Glaser, 47, wife of actor Paul Michael Glaser of Starsky and Hutch fame, became infected in 1981 after receiving a blood transfusion during childbirth. She passed the virus to her daughter Areal through breastmilk, as well as to her second child before she realized she was positive. Areal died at the age of 8; her son Jake remains healthy. Glaser started the Pediatric AIDS Foundation, and over the past decade raised millions of dollars as well as the awareness of the nation. She will be missed. (In Sacramento, the Falling Star Foundation for Pediatric AIDS — started in the name of a tiny child who died of AIDS this past June — is reaching out to the growing number of children in this city with the virus. Call 392-0203 for info.)▼

New Heimlich maneuver warrants warning...

Dr. Henry Heimlich — inventor of the anti-choking maneuver — says he can cure AIDS through IMT (induced malaria therapy). The doctor feels the HIV virus can be killed by inoculating people with blood that contains malaria parasties and then, after 10 to 14 fevers that reach 106 degrees over 3-4 weeks, administering anti-malaria medications. The doctor is testing this theory on a handful of HIV-positive men in China. He says he uses only human subjects because he is opposed to animal research. Concerned physicians and scientists in the United States and Mexico have petitioned the National Institute of Health, the FBI, the IRS, and the Food and Drug Administration to immediately investigate both the treatment and fundraising methods Heimlich is employing. The Centers for Disease Control has issued a 4-page health alert warning against malaria therapy.

Dementia numbers grow...

About 40 percent of over 2,600 HIV-infected gay males in a recent study at John Hopkins School of Medicine show signs of brain and central nervous system infection such as dementia, toxoplasmosis, cryptococcal meningitis, and neuropathy (numbness in hands or feet). The increase is due partly to the fact that more people are living longer with a severely suppressed immune system (50 T-cells or fewer) — the period of vulnerability to neurological complications and infections of the brain — and using a wider array of medications that can cause these side effects. Previous studies strongly suggest that AZT leads to a significant decrease in dementia, but some experts disagree.

Needle exchange nears...

Free clean needles for Sacramento's IV drug users came closer to reality this month when the County Board of Supervisors voted in favor of the program. There will most likely be a six-month delay in setting up a legal needle exchange program because the Supervisors also decided to seek a judge's opinion on whether the county can create a program that doesn't violate state law that prohibits unprescribed distribution of syringes. The dramatic and emotionally packed hearing prior to the vote — in which Sacramento physicians, health experts, clergy, people with AIDS, and former drug users pleaded for approval — contained some of the most powerful presentations the Board has ever seen, said Supervisor Toby Johnson. Johnson came to the hearing opposed to needle exchange, but voted for it after listening to the experts. Sacramento physician Neil Flynn estimates that about 10 percent of the county's IV drug users — between 10,000 and 20,000 — are infected with HIV. This is nearly the last percentage point at which escalation can be curbed. After the 10 percent infection marker in a population, the rates jump uncontrollably. In New York City, for instance, over 50 percent of that city's IV drug users are now HIV positive. Congratulations to those who spoke so eloquently and work so tirelessly, and to those who voted in spite of controversy to save lives of both adults and children in Sacramento. Of the 17 pediatric cases of AIDS currently in the county (in children under 13), 15 of them, mostly infants, are directly related to parental drug use.

FAREWELL

Loren Gerald Hugli

Loren Gerald Hugli was born March 21, 1958 in Wenatchee, Wisconsin. He passed into heaven November 27, 1994 in San Francisco to join Jesus and his beloved grandparents, John and Elsa Hugli. He is survived by his mother Lee Morgan and her husband John Morgan, volunteers at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation; brother Kevin, sister-in-law Donna and nephew Andrew Davis of Olathe, Kansas; special friends Sherry Longest of San Francisco and Debi Arms of Everett, Washington, and a host of friends. Loren was 1978 Washington State Roller Skating Champion; a volunteer at the San Francisco AIDS Society, the S.P.C.A., and a loving caregiver to fellow AIDS companions. His kindness and gentleness will be missed by those left behind.▼

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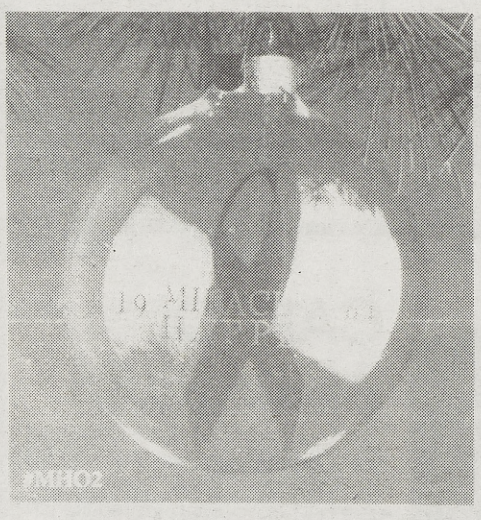

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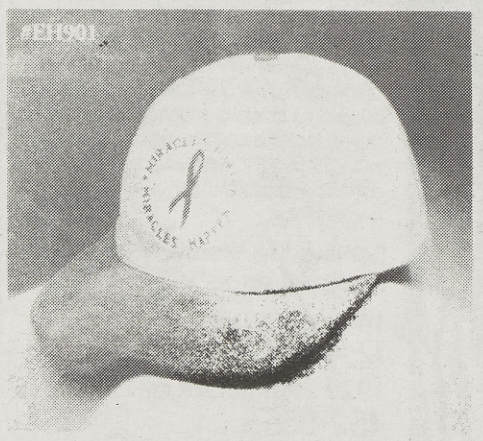

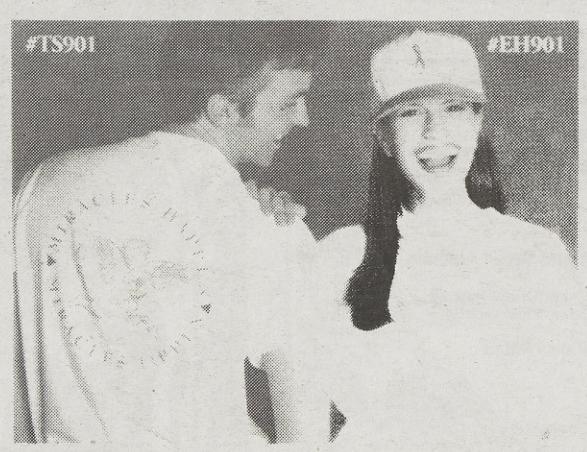

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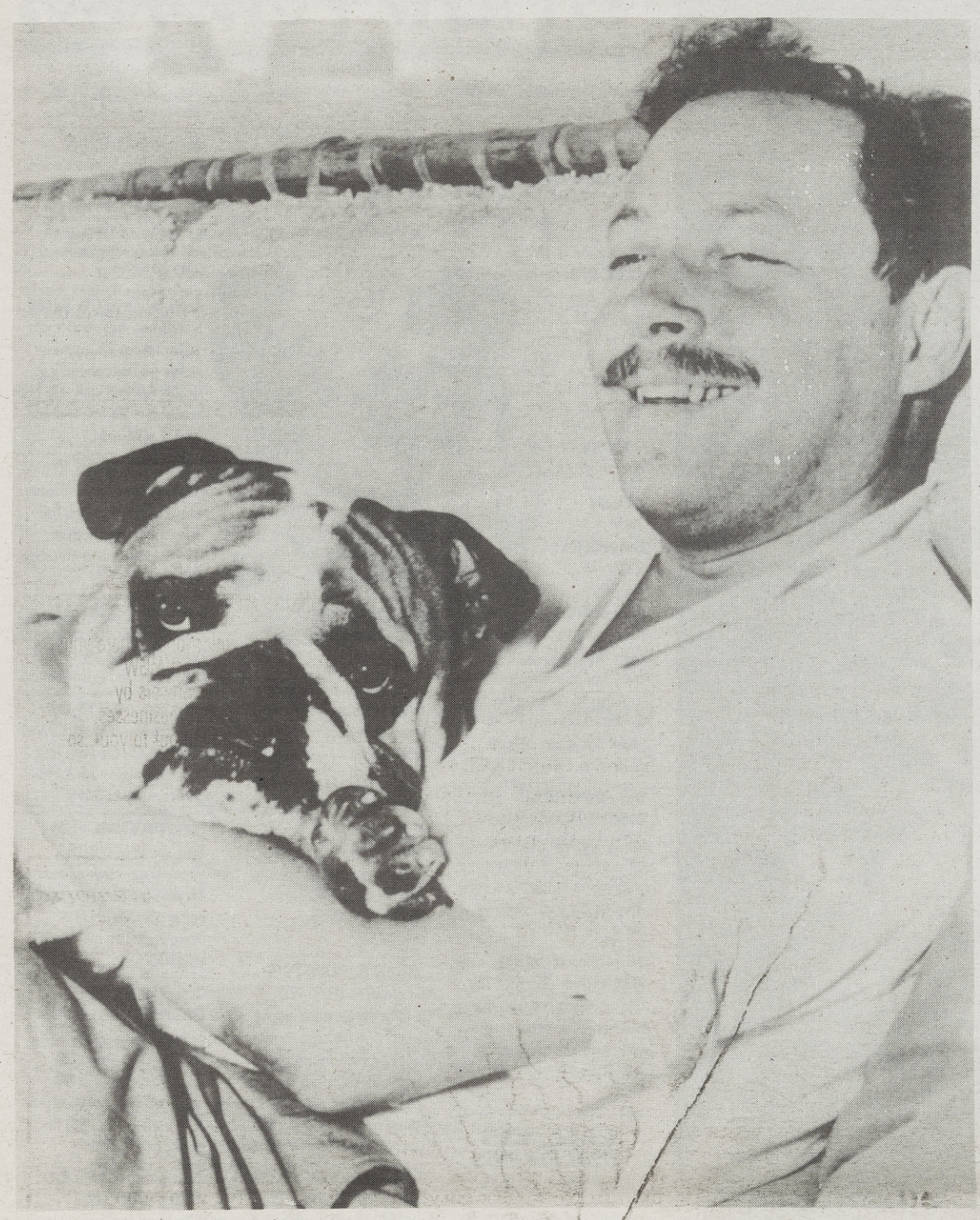

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Holiday: pet ideas

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to get into the tinsel, tree trimmings or Christmas plants, all prove very dangerous for young pets. The best thing is still to give gift certificates or wrap up the accessories that go with a pet and leave the picking up of the pet for after the Holidays when things quiet down and are back to normal!

So, with that said, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of the readers of MGW.▼

Gus is waiting for Christmas

Christmas season is coming. Even the animals feel the spirit of Christmas. This is Gus, a three year old Border Collie mix male neuter. He has some obedience training, shakes hands and he thinks he would make a good reindeer for Santa. But we know he would make a great pet. He will be available on Dec. 20, at 10am as Sacramento County Animal Control, 4290 Bradshaw Rd. 366-2632.▼

JoAnn Loulan to perform for SACWN

SACWN will present, "An Evening with JoAnn Loulan" on Friday, January 13, from 6:30 pm at the Beverly Garland Hotel. Loulan's presentations are funny, poignant and inspirational psycho-comedy about lesbian lives and loves. *The Advcate* says, "If you've only read Loulan, you're in for a treat. She's hilarious, bringing her books warmth and kindness alive in her speeches, but adding a raucous sense of humor that makes her lectures funnier than comedy acts."

Loulan is a best selling author, sex educator and psychotherapist specializing in the sexual and emotional concerns of lesbians. Loulan's provocative humor and warmth, combined with her incisive observations on lesbian culture, make her one of the nation's most in-demand "out" lesbian speakers.

Loulan is the best selling author of four books. *The Lesbian Erotic Dance: Butch, Femme and Other Rhythms* offers a witty and profound look at lesbian eroticism and androgynous images. *Lesbian Passion - Loving Ourselves and Each Other* was nominated by the American Library Association as one of the Top Five Gay Books of 1987. *Lesbian Sex*, written in 1984 is the definitive resource for lesbians and counseling professionals on lesbian sexuality. She has appeared on Oprah, Geraldo and Phil Donahue.

Loulan is currently at work on her book, *Gender Jail* which explores her expanding concept of genders, sexuality and identity. She received the 1994 Southern California Women for Understanding's "Lesbian Rights Award" and the 1988 National Gay and Lesbian Health Foundation's "Community Service Award for Ongoing Commitment to Lesbian and Gay Health."

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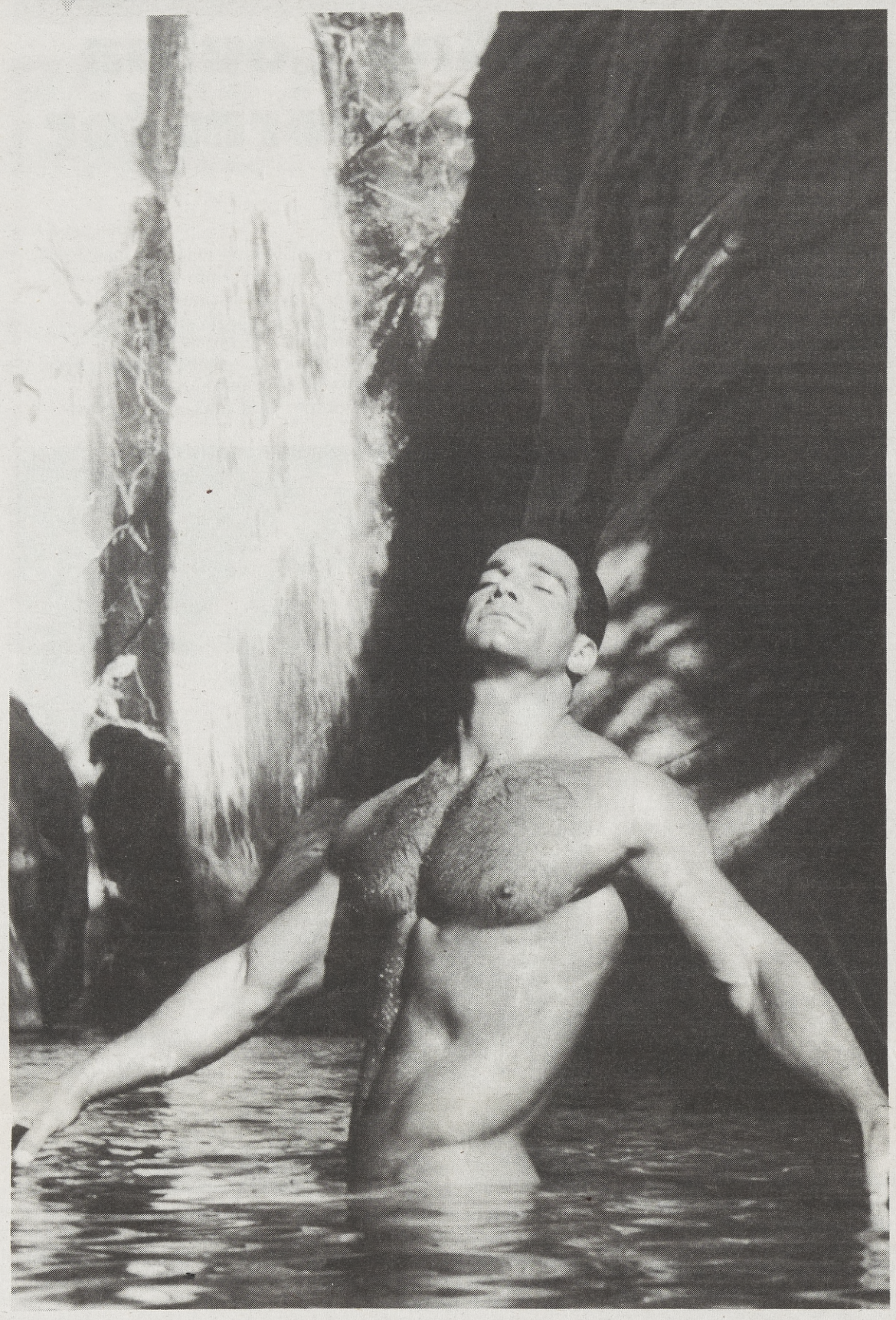

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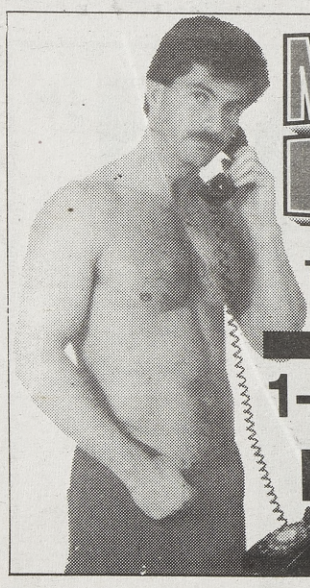

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Sacramento **TV'S OR CD'S:** Louis, looking for TV, TS or CD in the area- 25-60 5'7 160, hisp/ blk mustache med build, 40s- ☎18284

Sac **COUNTRY DANCERS:** 2 GWM country dancers 40s, fit, outgoing, own our own home with a pool, looking for a single wm to date fit up to 38, to work into poss rel, int give us a call- ☎18033

Davis **POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS:** GBM 6'1, int in meeting others int in poli sci, music and reading int in having a nice eve and a good time give me a call- ☎16493

Lake Tahoe **NEW TO AREA:** Matt, 29, 6', 175, attr, in shape brn/brn like to meet in the area, surr area who like to have fun- ☎17105

GRAB THAT PHONE!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

1) To respond to these ads & browse others Call: 1-900-896-HUNK
2) To record your FREE MGW personal ad Call: 1-800-546-MENN (We'll print it here)
3) To pick-up messages from your existing ad Call: the 900 number & Press the star key (*)

Questions Call: 1-415-281-3183

Redding **TIED UP IN KNOTS:** iso someone to untie,them 29, 6'1 215, never been with anybody before so I'm looking for friendship poss rel who is discreet, hope to hear from you- ☎16803

Sacramento **BEAR SEEKS STUD:** Len, iso a young male, 18-28, blnd blu, or just a young stud, bear 220, iso a good time poss long rel - ☎16523

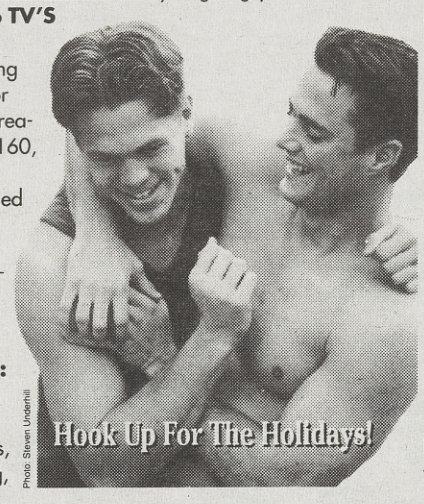
Sacramento **ATTN: MACHO HAIRY GUYS:** if ur in Sacto, 24, like macho, hairy, mature, masc guys, if u fit that disc give me a call- ☎16716

Sacramento **HOT ACTION?** tall, very attr masc man 32 iso 25-35 BM who are well end'd in shape looking for hot action- ☎17232

Sacramento **LKG FOR BUFF AND BLONDE:** tp man iso buff blnd blue eyed 25-35 likes movies, going out to dinners,travel, likes to have a good time in all kinds of ways- ☎17352

Sacramento **BE MY DADDY:** WM subm iso older 45+ men to dom me, just be my daddy, like wearing panties, and nylons- ☎15538

Fresno **COLLEGIATE ASIAN MALE,** Alvin, 21 ,5'8 dk/brn, nice looking med built, looking for young int guys, race not impt- like music, movies, sports, coll student, like good conversation- ☎16559



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Sacto **CONNECT WITH ME,** Brad lkng for a guy not too hairy to connect with, 40's, 6', 190, work out all the time lkg for any age group-sincere, no phonies or barflies- ☎12877

Scto **HEY, SEXY TV'S:,** Single WM 40 6' 180 brn/brn mustache, lkg for sexy TV in the area, u must be passable, discreet for a long term rel, bicurious, not into bar scene, want to spend qual time, hot fun, poss long term rel- ☎13050

Sacramento **XXX RATED,** Dennis 28: 6'2 brn/blu we can talk about the things you won't be sorry- ☎9927

Sacramento **EXCEPTIONAL TV,** Div WM 40 6' 175 brn/brn not into bars, smoker, looking for an exceptional TS or TV, sexy, leather to lace, pref subm or mildly dom, looking for long term rel- ☎13438

Sacramento **ALBERTO,** 24 6' like arts, musician, you can give me a call, we can talk and see what happens- ☎8270

Sacramento **BI MALES-,** Paul bi looking for other bi males for get togethers and friendship, give me a call- ☎11516

Recording your ad:
Figure out what you want to say before calling in. Write down what you want to say. Keep it short and simple. Just describe yourself and what you're looking for. Our computerized system will walk you through the rest. Have a pen ready to write down your box number.

Sacto **JACUZZI FUN,** cple 26 & 30 lkg for 18-25, just put in a new hot tub, good shape, looking to meet to have some fun, lv a message- ☎10760

Sacto **QUIET EVENINGS,** looking to meet 18-29, int are hiking, mtns, ocean, love music and quiet eves together HM or WM lv a message 5'10 180 blnd/blu ☎13774

Sacto **MORE TO LOVE,** 43, 6'3 green/blnd 265, like to know if are any men in the area like a larger man, not looking for rel just friends now- ☎13824

Davis **MORE THAN ONCE,** Tom, Grad student 6' 165, 32, blnd/blu, lkg to get together with guys in the area, one niter or perhaps more- give me a call- ☎13902

Lake Tahoe **STUD SKIER,** needs housing near South Lake Tahoe, 35, mature stable will be commuting, to SD half time well adj, hot horny mus 200 6'3 musc masc- ☎14085

Sacto **22 GBM:** 140 seeks prof'l secure sincere sharing and romanti for friendship rel, shopper, like to dance, lv a message ☎9594

Davis **DEEP THROAT,** wanted clean disc males lay back and appr my oral skills no recip reqd ☎14464

Sacramento **GUYS OR COUPLES, TONY,** GWM 23 5'9 145, brn/brn iso guys or couples 25-35 for good times- ☎14493

Sacto **DAYTIME FUN-,** Tom, 41 WM 6'2 185, good shape, dk hair must, iso daytime fun, vers pref being passive- if UR interested, give me a call ☎15100

Citrus Heights **BE DARING!,** tired of looking, Dennis, 28, 6'2 brn/blu, you won't be disappointed, we'll talk about all the important things when you call- be daring! ☎9927

Sacramento **COME OUT AND PLAY-,** WM , mid 30's good looks great body looking for a younger brother type, 18-24 if u like the outdoors, come out and play- ☎15020

Davis **FUN AND FRIENDS-,** 22 College student, lkg for fun and friends maybe both, just want to hear from you lv a message, ok? ☎15245

Sacramento **.....ARE YOU** a goodlooking GWM wanting expert service from a 47 year old man,? ☎10735

Sacramento **HOW ABOUT IT?** 46 redhead 6'3 195 want to meet another male, with good physical needs- Sacramento only- WM pref'd well endowed, into french things, my name is Mickey- like to hear from you- ☎10740

Sacramento **DESSERT INCLUDED:** We're a couple in mid/late 20's looking for 18-30 clean cut in good shape, we're the same looking for others for dinner and other fun- ☎10760

Sacramento **THE BIGGER THE BETTER:** Dave,27 5'7 150 brn/blu italian, clean shaven subm type looking for masc hairy, aggressive over 30 well endowed a + ☎10790

Sacramento **BREAKFAST IN BED?** Michael, 35 GWM 5'10 170 brn/blu int in meeting BM 30-50 for some morning fun in the downtown area-☎11068

Call: 1-900-896-HUNK
To respond to MGW Personals, or to browse the latest ads. Only $1.99 per minute. 18+.

CLASSIFIEDS

Classified Policy

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Announcements

HAVE YOU BEEN THE VICTIM OF A HATE CRIME? Call 442-0185.

Retired? Bored? Want to contribute to the gay/lesbian community? MGW Newspaper is looking for volunteers to help with phones, envelope stuffing, filing, computer inputting, painting, errands, customer service at front counter, writing, photography, etc., etc. Call 441-6397.

Do you like to read & write? MGW receives books from publishers on all subjects: love stories, religious, children's, political, entertainment, biographies, art, health, cookbooks, etc. MGW is looking for reviewers. You keep the book! 441-6397. TFN

Pets: do you take your pet with you to work? MGW Newspaper would like to feature you and your pet. 441-6397. TFN

Employment

Volunteers wanted to create the "95 FREEDOM FAIR Committee. Now accepting "Letters of Interest" for Co-Chair and approximately 10 sub-Committee Chair positions. Also, many general volunteers will be needed to begin meetings on Thursday, January 12, 1995 at 6:30pm at the Lambda Center. Do it now. Also, Graphic Designers needed for volunteer projects of portfolio quality. Send to: Lambda Community Center, "95 Freedom Fair Committee, Att: Keven Cohee, Box 163654, Sacramento, 95816.

Sales: Management Positions Available. Our companies philosiphy is "Health Beyond Danger" Over 200 Offices ● Rapid Advancement ● We Will Train ● 929-7475

Serious 2nd income - Does the concept of turning a little time into a 2nd income interest you? Yes? This may be the most profitable call you've ever made. VM 535-5215. X1/1/95

Health Director/Educator for HIV/AIDS related education and prevention programs. Full time with benefits. Brian Craig, 442-0185, send resume to Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St. 94814.

Graphic artists needed to volunteer time and talents to the Lambda Community Center to design and produce program and marketing pieces. Acknowledgment and portfolio samples provided. Please call Joanna Cassese at 442-0185.

Part time Floral Designer. Call Shannon, Blooming Art, 442-3800. X12/15

ADVERTISING SALES REPS 4 salespeople needed. Must have valid drivers license and insurance, good sales techniques, strong closing and graphics skills, highly motivated, have excellent communication skills, neat appearance, must be highly organized with paper flow and love the telephone! Media experience a must. Full time. 20% commission, Resume and references. MGW Newspaper, 1725 L St. 95814. 441-6397 TFN

College Internships available at MGW Newspaper in graphics, reporting, photography, computers, ad sales, public relations, financial and artist! Units given in 195/199 or 295/299. Contact your advisor in your department and call Linda, 441-6397. TFN

Delivery Person for MGW newspaper. Part-Time every month on the 1st and 15th. Must have large car, van, covered truck. Extremely reliable, fast, know the Sacramento area. 441-6397 TFN

For Rent

Apartments & Houses for Rent, Whisler Land Company, 448-6666. TFN

Hair station for rent to a stylist with a clientele Crazy Razor, midtown . Dianne, 446-3790. TFN

Duplex Area 7, Country Club. 2BR, hardwood floors, fireplace, yard, gardener. 2405 Park Estates Dr. $605, 485-7912.

Large, clean 2BD, 2 story apt., CA/H, carport. Near SCC, Land Park, transportation. $475. 737-2565. X1/1

Studio Condo on the water at Timberlake (area 7), gated community, many amenities. 927 Fulton Ave. #443, $450, 485-7912.

Charming Land Park 2BR, fireplace, CH&A, DW, wash/dryr, oak flrs, ceiling fans, deck. Avail Jan 1. $950. 448-3328

1 bedroom apt. downtown close to all that is cool. $365/mo. 537-5629.

Charming spacious 1BR. 6 mo. lease next to park. $400. Got to see it, 446-4673. X1/15

Small quaint cottage for rent. Great for artist, writer or someone that would like quiet space. Cottage is for day use only, not a live-in. 1/2 bath, no kitchen, etc. Landpark Area, $200. Linda, 441-6397. TFN

2 BR flat, midtown, c h/a, fireplace, fresh paint, patio, prkng, 2113 O St., $485, 485-7912.

The Carriage House at Dunnotar Hall in Woodland. Proprietor: James Frederick Harvey-Keith. An elegantly appointed executive guest suite. Currently available to let. 666-1100.

This is worth a look! 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 car garage w/ extras! 3 yr old beautiful house & yard 10 min. away from anywhere. $695 + deposit. 373-8748

House for rent, Cameron Park, newly dec, 3 BR, 2 BA, FR w/FP, MSTR St, 1/3 acre, $950 + $950 dep, call 672-2469, VM 535-5215.

A cute 1 BR Curtis Park duplex. New paint, fenced yard, garage, pet OK. $490. 451-1682

Large 1 Bd, 23&O St, $395. New range-frig-carpets-kitchen-bathroom. Laundry room & A/C. Real nice place! 972-8174. X1/1

For Sale

Push button business phones. 5 line w/hold button. 10 phones + system. Make offer, whole or part. 441-6397. TFN

Tastefully renovated home on a quiet street in Tahoe Park with bright, tiled kitchen, beautiful hdwd floors and wonderful yard. By owner. 485-8030.

2027 Sloat Way: Hot house for an artist type, very eclectic 3 bedroom, 1 bath, large living room with built-in desk, window seat, book shelves, hutch, deck with log posts, claw bathtub on deck, very interesting home. $134,000. Cook Realty. Call one of MGW Newspaper's advertisers in the Real Estate section to see. TFN

Rosemont 4 BR Elliott tri-level, inviting entry with Koi pond, solar heated pool + waterfall, and so much more. 3008 Bettina, $159,500. Twin Rivers for more info. 485-7912

Waterfront, w/dock 3 BR w/guest rm, hot tub, fenced yd, owc @ 7.5% x 30 yr, no fees $119500, owner anxious, Lake City 707-998-1225 X12/15

Tupperware sales & parties, 737-0910 X12/15

Large Great Dane for sale. Black male, 2 yrs old, Phil 916-889-5611 X12/15

Lesbians Seeking Lesbians

Skiing GW (over 40) start informal downhill Sierra & travel ski group. Interested? C/O MGW Box 15, W/name/phone # by Jan 10.

Would like to meet other women for horseback riding on N. Calif. trails. Must have own horse. Write: Trail Ride, Box 191263, Sac, CA 95819

Gay Men Seeking Gay Men

1995 AIDS Benefit Calendar, artistic male nudes by photographer Jeff Palmer, "Focus on a Future Without AIDS", $12 + $2.25 s & h to: AIDS Benefit Calendar, Dept. LD, Box 34012, San Diego, 92163.

Bottom seeks top: Submissive GWM bottom, 5'9" sm built 28 wt, 38yr. Ready to drop my pants, bare my rear and service aggressive GWM top 30+ for good only, pager, 829-2444 after 9:30pm.

Mail Order

XXX Catalog. Videos, rubber, leather toys. Magaines, lubes, incence. $3 for catalog. Refundable with first order. Heaven Sent Me Inc. Box 270 Dept 71, Elbert, CO 80106. In business since 1986. Gay owned and operated.

Miscellaneous

You were at AIDS Quilt at Sac State. You introduced yourself as Mike. I'm Robert in black coat. Call me please, 685-3357.

AIDS-HOW I CURED MYSELF - Alternative Therapies, Self-Treatment Hndbk, 70 pgs., $15 postage pd. Chemical & Photochemical HIV Detoxification (Vitamins & tanning treatments). Behr & Lamb, Inc., Jerico Springs, MO 64756-9305 X2/15/95

Roommates

Folsom, near college, 25 min to Sac, $325mo incl utilities, 984-9354.

Women's household nr Laguna/Bruceville has 2 rms avail in lg contemporary two story home. 4b/2 1/2 ba. All amenities Pet neg. N/S N/D $350ea + util. Call 683-2073.

Shr LRG 3BD 2BA So. Natomas home with GM. Has spa, gym & cable, lscapd yards, alarm. Near DWTN, FWYS, park, shopping. $375mo +1/2 utils., $200 dep. 923-6274

Natomas area. 10 min Sac, GWM needs roommate, to share 2 BR/2 BA home. Includes all amenities (spa, fireplace, alarm system) $300 +$50 util. Smokers OK. Have cat. Chuck, 929-3850. X12/1

Female to share large 2-story house in College Greens. Watt & 50. Own bath, pool, spa, gym, fp, $350 + utilities 383-0468.

GF seeks open-minded vegetarian to share large midtown Victorian $300, 441-6638.

Services

Revitalizing full body massage for men by Alan 457-5960 X12/15

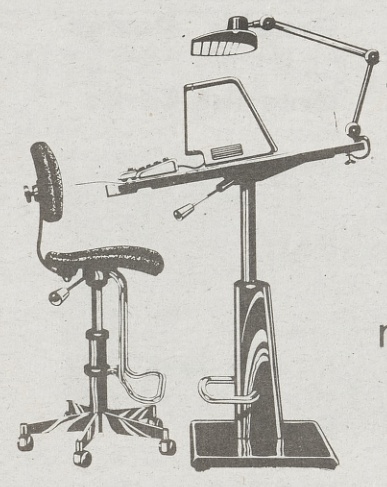
Gay/Lesbian Travel Guide Books. MGW, 1725 L St., 441-6397. TFN

Vacation Rentals

Trade? Will trade our vacation home for yours for week or weekend. Sleeps 6, on Clearlake, pier and boat ramp. Fully equipped. 753-0424. TFN

Russian River Cabin, cozy, in redwoods, sleeps 8, kids & pets ok. VISA, MC, 415-968-1314.

Typesetter/Graphic Artist Position open at MGW



Typesetter, 2-3 yrs experience with IBM, Pagemaker, Corel Draw, Wordperfect. Must type 70 wpm and proof own work. Graphic design and newspaper experience preferred. Available some nights and weekends. Typeset copy, ads, general office computer work. Resume, portfolio, references to :

441-6397

MGW Newspaper
1725 L St. 95814

Advertising Sales Representatives Wanted

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is looking for individuals who are

- Outgoing
- Self-Motivated
- Self-confident
- Compulsively organized with paper flow
- Able to work with business owners
- Good on the phone
- Sharp dressers
- Interested in the gay, lesbian & bisexual cause
- Graphic and computer knowledge helpful.

Mail a resume or stop by our Sacramento offices located at

1725 L Street • Sacramento • California • 95814

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- ☐ Bi's Seeking
- ☐ Employment
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- ☐ Freebies
- ☐ Lesbians Seeking Lesbians
- ☐ Men Seeking Men
- ☐ Misc.
- ☐ Roommates
- ☐ Services
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- ☐ Other _____

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Attach second sheet for additional lines

Personals Policy: *MGW encourages ads that are non-biased, positive, lively, and health-conscious. We reserve the right to reject any ad whatsoever,. Sexually explicit or suggestive words will be edited and/or deleted. Final determination will be made by our staff. Ads are to reach us by the 5th and 20th of each month. The Voice Mail Personal Ads are FREE—call 1 (800) 896-6366 and follow the instructions. Ads must be prepaid. Changes and cancellations: $15 fee.*

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Personals Box Rental + forwarding, $15/mo. = $ _____

Bus. Directory Ads, $15 X _____ issues = $ _____

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City, State, Zip _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____
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OFFICE USE ONLY — Date _____ Check # _____ Amt. Paid _____

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LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER, 1901 L St., 442-0185.
POSITIVE GOURMET FOOD SERVICES, Box 160845, 95816-0845.
SAC. AIDS FOUNDATION, 920 20th St., 2nd Floor, 448-2437.

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SAC. ALARM CO., 1601 Fulton Ave. 972-7272.

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TOWNHOUSE, 1517 21 St., 441-5122
WESTERN, 2001 K St., 443-9831
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DISTRICT 3: Muriel Johnson, 440-5471
DISTRICT 4: Dave Cox, 440-5491
DISTRICT 5: Don Nottoli, 440-5465

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DJ MUSIC SERVICES, Melonnee Desiree Pagano, 456-8134.

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FREEPORT CLEANERS, 2001 4th Ave., 442-5249

Financial Services
DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS, Susan Stigen, 1517 Lincoln Way, Auburn, (800) 776-1987
WHISLER FINANCIAL GROUP, CFP, 446-666
WHITNEY & KILLICK FINANCIAL SERVICES, 2321 Lloyd Ln., 486-8985

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A FLORIST SHOPPE, 3116 Fulton Ave, 485-4100

Framing
QUEEN VICTORIAN, 2026 K St., 95814,443-6568

Furniture
TECHLINE STUDIO, 11225 Trade Center Dr., 638-1991

Furniture Refinishing
PATRICK'S FURNITURE REFINISHING, 217 Kenroy Lane, Ste. 8, Roseville, 786-6615

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Gardening Services
EMBREY'S LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE, 739-1917.
ENGLISH GARDEN CARE, 489-8903

Gifts
FOCUS, 924 24th St. & J, 441-6930

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MGW GRAPHICS & TYPESETTING, 1725 L St., 441-6397

Greeting Cards
POSTCARDS ETC., 1115 21st St., 446-8049

Groceries
TAYLOR'S MARKET, 2900 Freeport Blvd., 443-6881

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THE ASSOCIATES HAIR DESIGN, 3714 J St., 455-0667.
SUZAN POPE/VICTORIA'S HAIR, 1201 24th St., 443-5456

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THE EFFORT, 1820 J St. 446-6467.

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URBAN HERBALIST, 1731 L St., 447-4372

Hotels/Inns/Resorts
SIERRAWOOD, Box 11194, Tahoe Paradise. 577-6073
THE VILLAGE INN, 20822 River Bl., Monte Rio, 800-303-2303
GAY/LESBIAN TRAVEL GUIDE BOOKS. MGW, 1725 L St., 441-6397

Housekeeping/Janitorial
OLGA'S HOUSEHOLD SERVICES AGENCY, 453-0762
LISA, 448-5314.

Hypnotherapy
ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS, 348-6641.

Insurance
SUE WOLF, FARMERS INSURANCE, 5659 Freeport Blvd, 421-0390

Jewelry
ARARIETY FINE JEWELRY, 1021 R St., 446-1535

Landscaping Services
SMOOT LANDSCAPING, Scott Smoot, 454-1300.

Massage Therapists
ESCAPE THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE, Dave, CMT or Jesse, CMT, 920-3623.
FOCUS, 924 24th St. & J, 441-6930.
SWEDISH MASSAGE, Dan, C.M.T. licensed. 487-7829.

Music/Records/CDs
ESOTERIC RECORDS, 3413 El Camino Ave, 488-8966; 1427 L St, Ste. D, 442-4858
IN THE GROOVE, 6319 Fair Oaks Blvd., 485-7477

Optomestrists
DR. CAMERON YEE, 6407 Riverside Blvd. 395-0673

Organizations
LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER, 1901 L St., 442-0185
SACWN, 1616 29th St., #310, 451-8034

Painting
HARRIET ANDERSON, Lic #674282, 372-9127

Pet Care
ANIMAL HOUSECALL SERVICE, Dr. Nancy Weagly, 457-0967
BEST PETS, 3633 Bradshaw Rd. # D, 361-1957
CAPITOL AQUARIUM, 29th & T St., 452-5556
COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING, 485-2201
HOME & CRITTER SITTERS, 447-0735
KENNEL ROOM, 2160 Marconi & Howe, Grooming Dogs & Cats, 925-4149
K. J. PAWS, Grooming, 920 57th St., 455-7297
LAND PARK PET CENTER, 5958 S Land Park Dr. 421-2969
RICK'S DOG & CAT GROOMING, 1029 Marston, W. Sacramento, 374-8160
WAGGIN' TAILS, K9 WASTE REMOVAL, 987-8587

Photo Processing
B + W LAB, 3271 Folsom Blvd. 455-5203

Printing
SACRAMENTO QUICK PRINT, 2612 J St., 442-5615.

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COMEAUX REALTY, Debbie Comeaux, Broker, 351-1983
KELLEY REALTOR, 6373 Riverside Blvd., Suite 124, 393-1111
WHISLER LAND COMPANY, 446-6666

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MGW readers, please note number 7!

1. Inner city high school teacher 2. Police officer 3. Miner 4. Air traffic controller
5. Medical intern 6. Stockbroker **7. Journalist**
8. Customer service / complaints worker 9. Waiter/Waitress 10. Secretary

CALENDAR

D E C E M B E R

15 THURSDAY

One Christmas Carol in Ten, a musical adaptation of the classic, with a few twists. The Lambda Players, 8pm, the YWCA Theatre, 1122 17th St. 442-7752. $10 in advance, Community Center Box Office, 13th & L Sts, $12 at the Door.

Holiday Festival, Old Sacramento, 558-3912.

Lambda Center, Being Alive Living Room, 2-5pm; Women's Coming Out Group, 6pm; CODA, 7:30pm, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.

Holly Near's Winter Song Concert, $15.50, 7pm & 9pm, The Palms, 726 Drummond, Davis.

Third Thursday Jazz Series, Jeff Linsky, guitar, Kenny Stahl, flute. 5:30-8:30pm, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. 264-5423.

CHOIR PRACTICE, River City MCC's Cathedral of Promise, Mather AFB (Old Chapel #1) off hwy 50, 7pm, 856-1444.

Shooting Gallery, Art sale, performance and dance party $10, 4pm - 4am, 1015 Folsom St.

Being Gay Today, Momentum & Outlook. 10pm, Cable Channel 17.

16 FRIDAY

Cafe Lambda, Hosted by AmeriCorps, 8pm, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.

Lambda Center Youth Group, 5:45pm, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.

Dykes Out Together, Reading group. 7pm, Shirley, 722-9838.

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Gay Night at Disneyland, 818-893-2777.

NOW Holiday Potluck and Election, entertainment, 7pm, McKinley Park Area, 441-2283, 443-3470.

Melonee Desiree & The Promises, 9pm-1am, Jammin' Jo's Sports Bar, 2721 Broadway.

Being Gay Today, Momentum & Outlook, 4pm, Cable Channel 17.

Nutcracker Ballet, San joaquin County Ballet, 8pm, Warren Atherton Auditorium, San Joaquin Delta College, 5151 Pacific Ave., Stockton. 447-4141.

17 SATURDAY

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Lambda Craft Fair and Art Show, 10am-5pm, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.

Sacramento FrontRunners, lesbian and gay running club, morning run, 974-8199 for time and location.

Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Build a backyard bird feeder, 1:30pm. Create a natural bird feeder. Info: 489-4918.

Being Gay Today, Momentum & Outlook, 10am, Cable Channel 17.

Sacramento Master Singers, "How Still He Rests" Holiday Celebration. $10, 8pm, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 58th & M Sts. 331-6151.

Nutcracker Ballet, San joaquin County Ballet, 2pm & 8pm, Warren Atherton Auditorium, San Joaquin Delta College, 5151 Pacific Ave., Stockton. 447-4141.

18 SUNDAY

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Sacramento Master Singers, "How Still He Rests" Holiday Celebration. $10, 4pm, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 58th & M Sts. 331-6151.

PFLAG, Will Green will lead a rap session. 7:30pm, The Fireside Rm., St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, 722-0327.

St. Gregory's ECC, mass at 7pm, Fireside Rm, Central United Methodist Church, 5265 H St., 725-9221.

River City MCC's Cathedral of Promise "Where God does not discriminate", 9am, 11am, & 6pm, Mather AFB (Chapel #1), 856-1444.

Nutcracker Ballet, San joaquin County Ballet, 2pm, Warren Atherton Auditorium, San Joaquin Delta College, 5151 Pacific Ave., Stockton. 447-4141.

19 MONDAY

Lambda Center, Men's Coming Out Group, 5:30pm; HEAL Support Group, 7pm. 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.

Lesbian Support Group, De Witt Center, Auburn, 632-7080.

Sacramento FrontRunners, lesbian and gay running club, evening run, 974-8199 for time and location.

Gay Spirit Gathering, Pacific Men, Kalani Honua, Hawaii. Thru 12/26. 1-800-800-6886.

Toy Drive, 10am - 3pm, Clunie Center, 601 Alhambra Blvd, Rm B&C, organized by the Neighborhood, 441-7961.

River City MCC Service telecast, 7pm, Cable Ch.17, 856-1444.

20 TUESDAY

Toy Drive, 10am - 3pm, Clunie Center, 601 Alhambra Blvd, Rm B&C, organized by the Neighborhood, 441-7961.

River City MCC Service telecast, 1pm, Cable Ch.17, 856-1444.

21 WEDNESDAY

Lambda Center Board Meeting, 6:30, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.

Sacramento Men's Chorus, Board, 7pm, 444-5213.

Sacramento FrontRunners, lesbian and gay running club, evening run, 974-8199 for time and location.

Lesbian and Gay Business Alliance, Christmas Party, 7pm, call for location, 863-9733.

River City MCC Service Telecast, 7am, Cable Ch.17, 856-1444.

HIV Positive Support Group, CARES, 446-3734.

Women's Clinic at CARES, 9am - noon. 443-3299.

22 THURSDAY

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Happy Solstice!

Holiday Festival, Old Sacramento, 558-3912.

Lambda Center, Being Alive Living Room, 2-5pm; Women's Coming Out Group, 6pm; CODA, 7:30pm, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.

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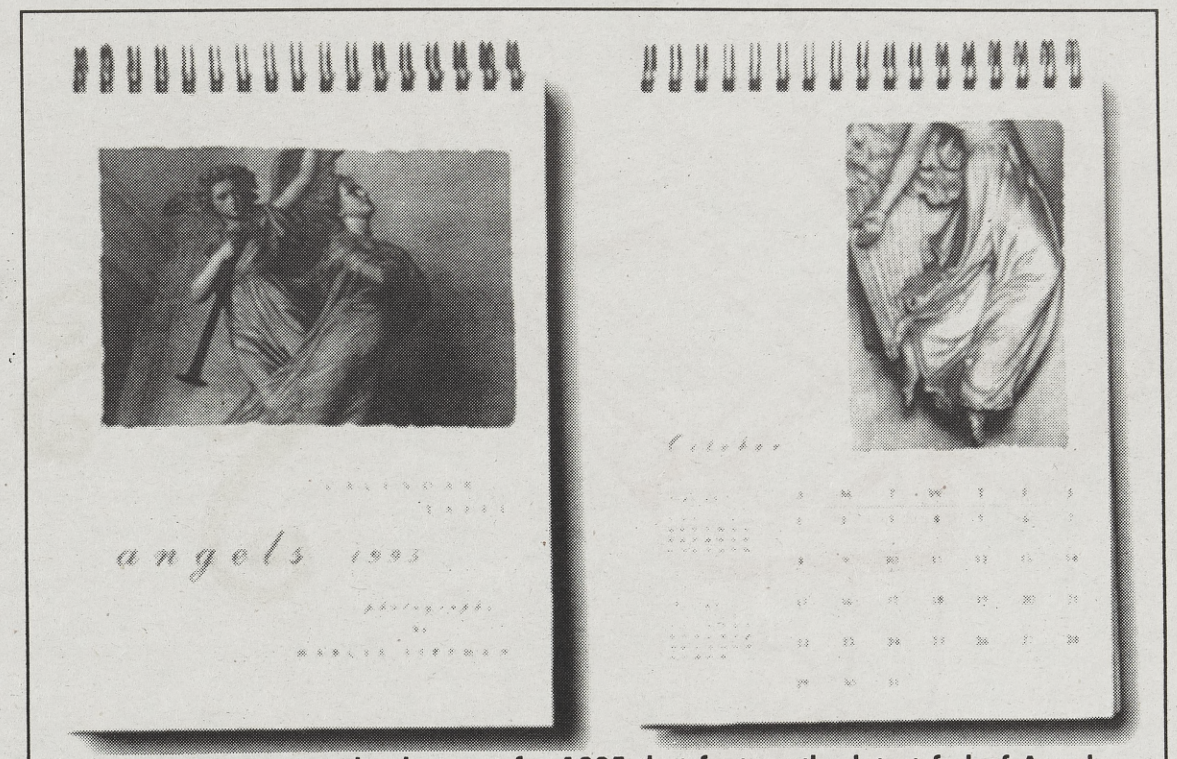

There are many new calendars out for 1995 that feature the latest fad of Angels.

Being Gay Today, Andross' "Outrageous II", 10pm, Cable Channel 17.

CHOIR PRACTICE, River City MCC's Cathedral of Promise, Mather AFB (Old Chapel #1) off hwy 50, 7pm, 856-1444.

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Cafe Lambda, Special Holiday Feast - Turkey, duck and all the trimmins - Plus entertainment, 8pm, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.

Lambda Center Youth Group, 5:45pm, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.

Being Gay Today, Andross' "Outrageous II", 4pm, Cable Channel 17.

24 SATURDAY

Christmas Eve Service, River City MCC's Cathedral of Promise, Family Service at 6pm, High Holy Service 11pm, Mather AFB (Chapel #1), 856-1444.

Sacramento FrontRunners, lesbian and gay running club, morning run, 974-8199 for time and location.

Being Gay Today, Andross' "Outrageous II", 10am, Cable Channel 17.

25 SUNDAY

Merry Christmas from all of us at MGW!

"Have a Blessed Christmas!", River City MCC's Cathedral of Promise, 9am, 11am, & 6pm, Mather AFB (Chapel #1), 856-1444.

St. Gregory's ECC, mass at 7pm, Fireside rm, Central United Methodist Church, 5265 H St., 725-9221.

Dykes Out Together, "I Hate Christmas Party" Ann, 927-6038.

26 MONDAY

Sacramento FrontRunners, lesbian and gay running club, evening run, 974-8199 for time and location.

River City MCC Service telecast, 7pm, Cable Ch.17, 856-1444.

27 TUESDAY

River City MCC Service telecast, 1pm, Cable Ch.17, 856-1444.

CGNIE, 7pm, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.

28 WEDNESDAY

The Valley Bears, Board meeting (open to all). Info: 452-4748.

Sacramento FrontRunners, lesbian and gay running club, evening run, 974-8199 for time and location.

Meditation Group, free informal group of men and women. Land Park location, 7:30pm. 442-5160.

River City MCC Service Telecast, 7am, Cable Ch.17, 856-1444.

Lambda Center, Eagles Potluck, 6:30pm; Men of Color Support Group, 6:30pm, Men's Focus Group, 7pm, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.

29 THURSDAY

Lambda Center, Being Alive Living Room, 2-5pm; Women's Coming Out Group, 6pm; CODA, 7:30pm, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.

CHOIR PRACTICE, River City MCC's Cathedral of Promise, Mather AFB (Old Chapel #1) off hwy 50, 7pm, 856-1444.

Being Gay Today, "Local Leftovers" The year in review - a local look, 10pm, Cable Channel 17.

30 FRIDAY

Being Gay Today, "Local Leftovers" The year in review - a local look, 4pm, Cable Channel 17.

31 SATURDAY

Happy New Year from all of us at MGW!

The Valley Bears, New Year's Eve Party at the Wreck Room 11pm. "Baby New Year" Contest!-We supply the diapers!

Deja Blu, Women's Rock-n-Roll band. The Buffalo Club.

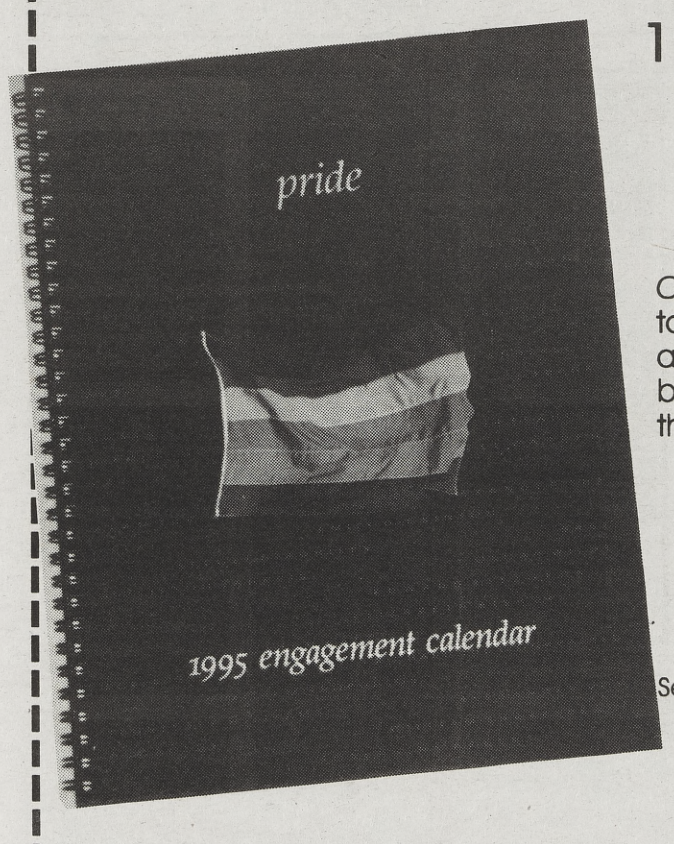
IMA Style New Year's Celebration, Laura Bowly, June and Jean Millington and the Slammin' Babes. 585 Salmon Creek Rd, Bodega, 707-876-3004.

New Year's Eve Realization Concert, Chat, Dance & Meditate, Your Way into 1995. $10, 10:30, Temple of Living Prayer, 4001 60th St. 455-8387.

Safeway First Run, 2-mile run walk, alcohol free celebration, fireworks, party with live music. 9pm registration, 10pm music starts. Fundraiser for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Capitol Grounds, 10th & N Sts., 415-387-2178.

Being Gay Today, "Local Leftovers" The year in review - a local look, 10pm, Cable Channel 17.

1995 Pride Calendar



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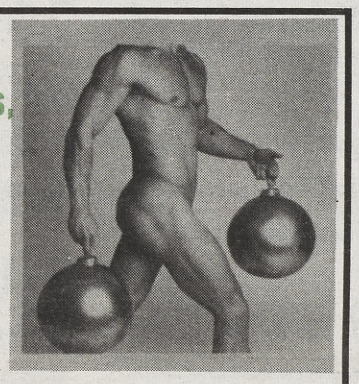

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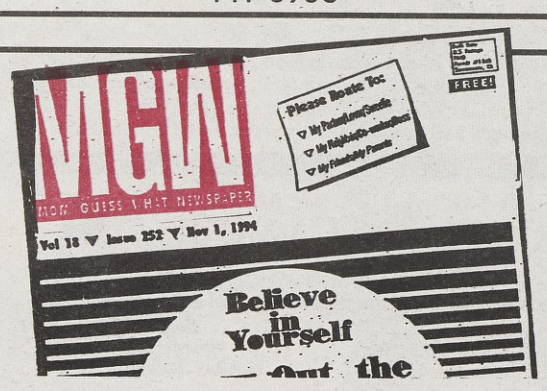

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